

Bonita Springs
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Summer 2021



City News

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STAR SPANGLED BONITA
Laser & Fireworks Display

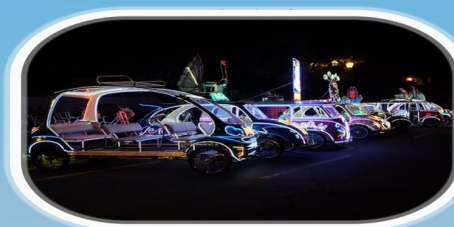
4th of July Celebration

Sunday, July 4th

FREE



Live Music
7:00pm - 9:00pm



GlowParade
8:30pm - 9:00pm



Fireworks
Dusk

Riverside Park • Bonita Springs

For more information visit www.cityofbonitasprings.org/july4th



Mayor Rick Steinmeyer is seen admiring the American Legion's Aisle of Flags. The 100-flags were on display along the walkway during the recent Bonita Springs Memorial Day Service.

The annual ceremony is hosted to honor the memory of war veterans who died during their military service by letting their loved ones know they are not Forgotten!

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JULY 4TH STAR SPANGLED BONITA



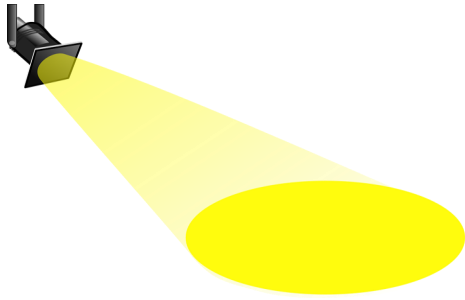
The City of Bonita Springs will be celebrating our annual Independence Day on Sunday, July 4th, 2021. The celebration will begin at 7:00 pm at Riverside Park located in Downtown Bonita Springs at 10450 Reynolds Street.

Admission into the Star-Spangled Bonita event is free to the community.

There will be live music from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during the event. At dusk, the City of Bonita Springs will host a Golf Cart Glow Parade. The parade will proceed from the Bonita Springs Library to Riverside Park.

The theme for this year's parade is **"Be the Light"**. Participants are asked to light up the night by decorating their golf carts with various lighted items. There will be no fee to participate in the parade, but you must pre-register to take part in the event. Please expect road closures during the event. Old 41 Road from Wilson Street to Ragsdale Street will close at 6:30pm and remain closed until 10:00pm. The evening festivities will conclude with a laser light and firework show beginning after the parade.

For more information about the event and/or the parade, please call visit <http://www.cityofbonitasprings.org/july4th>.



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT



The Outreach Advisory Committee provides input to the City Council with a view towards fostering broad and inclusive participation by members of the Bonita Springs community in civic affairs without regard to race, creed or gender. Input may include suggestions regarding city programs, events and advisory committee participation. The Outreach Committee has recently been working with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau to raise awareness for tourism in the city, and planning the activities for the upcoming Fiesta Bonita in September 2021.

The Outreach Committee also nominates individuals in our area for their outstanding community service and presents them with a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts. Recent recipients include Cristin Madden for her dedication to bicycle safety and Deputy James Luna for his commitment to the safety and welfare of the citizens of Bonita Springs. **Congratulations to the both Cristin and Deputy Luna!**

The meetings are scheduled every third Tuesday of each month. **In observance of July 4th, there will be no July meeting.**



Left: The Outreach Committee recently presented Cristin Madden with a Certificate of Recognition for her tireless work for Bike Safety. Cristin recently participated in the Bonita Springs Bike Safety Day. She survived a serious bicycle accident which ignited her passion for advocating for the need to wear bike helmets for safety and prevention. Cristin is pictured here with members of the Outreach Committee receiving her Certificate of Recognition.

Right: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Deputy Luna for his outstanding leadership, vision, and community service in the Rosemary neighborhood from the Outreach Committee.

Pictured right to left Captain Blake Lee, Michael Robinson Outreach Committee, Deputy Luna in the center and other Lee County Sheriff's office peers supporting Deputy Luna.



Stay tuned for more Outreach Committee updates!

GET INFORMED BONITA SPRINGS

Know Your Zone

It's Everyone's Responsibility



FEMA Flood Zone Designations

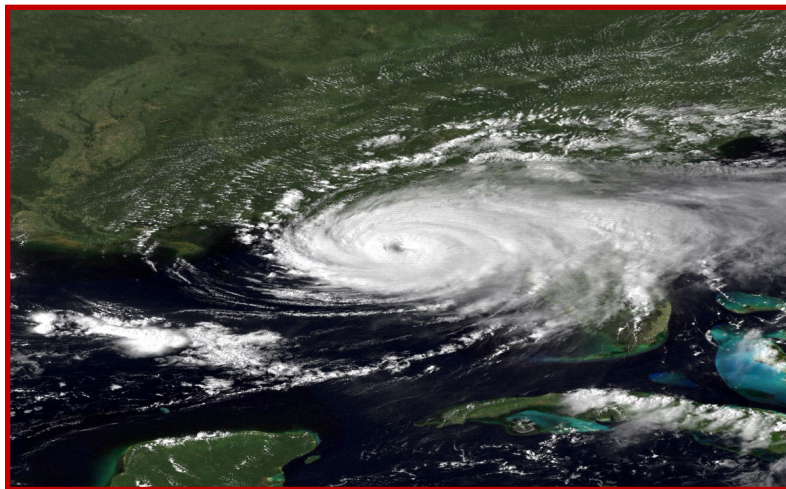
Flood zone areas mapped by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) for use in the National Flood Insurance Program. Each flood zone designation is represented by a letter or letters, indicating to homeowners their risk for flooding on their property. Homes with a mortgage located in high risk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

Do you know your Evacuation Zone?

Hurricane evacuation zones are no longer referenced by storm category, but are now named by hurricane surge evacuation zones: A, B, C, D and E. We want you to know your zone, and to challenge your friends and family to know the same!

Why is it important to know your zone in Lee County?

We are evacuated by zones for storm surge and wind, in a phased manner. This means we may order the evacuation of zone A before you see any effects of the tropical storm.



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

[Find My Evacuation Zone](#) Click on OK, then click on the magnifying glass to enter your address. Click here for the Lee County Family [Emergency Plan](#).



Lee County 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. It's easy with Lee County's tips on what to do before, during and after a hurricane.

Lee County Public Safety's Emergency Management Program has a state-of-the-art [Emergency Operations Center](#) that is the command center for official Lee County emergency information when a hurricane becomes an imminent threat. That team provides an updated [All Hazards Guide](#) each year to assist residents in advance planning. Below are some useful resources from other county departments, plus links to outside agencies.

And remember, a hurricane's high winds can cause power outages that last for days, even weeks. Print copies of must-have reference materials and download those apps now to help protect your family and property.



2021 Lee County Virtual Hurricane Seminar

Lee County has interactive hurricane seminars completely online. The course is Free to take and does not require registration. [Take the seminar online now](#)

The time to develop and practice your emergency plan is prior to hurricane season. Being prepared will help keep you and your loved ones safe and establish a reliable network of support during a crisis.

PLAN

- Know your risks:
 - What is your Storm Surge/Evacuation Zone?
 - Are you in a Flood Zone?
 - Do you live in a mobile or manufactured home?
 - What year was your house built?
 - Does your house have storm shutters?

PREPARE

- Prepare evacuation or sheltering options.
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit before the start of hurricane season.
- The Family Emergency Plan is a great tool to help you create a plan that is specific to your family's needs. Find it Lee County website: [Emergency Plan](#)
- Secure items in and around your home before tropical storm force winds arrive.

PASS IT ON

- Be sure all family members know who to call or where to gather if you become separated.
- Let family and friends in other locations know your evacuation plans.

Contact Information List

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

Lee County Emergency Operations Center – Visit [Lee County Emergency Operations Center](#) or call 239-533-0622

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District (NON-EMERGENCIES) - Visit [Bonita Fire Department](#) or call 239-949-6200

Lee County Sheriff's Office (NON-EMERGENCIES) - Visit [Lee County Sheriff's Office](#) or call 239-477-1000

Human Resources:

Bonita Assistance Office - Visit [Bonita Springs Assistance Office](#) or call 239-992-3034

Lee County Human and Veteran Services - Visit [Human and Veteran Services](#)
Human Services Main Phone 239-533-7930
Veteran Services Main Phone 239-533-8381
Client Information Line 239-533-7900

United Way Lee - Visit [United Way Lee](#) or call 239-433-3900

The Salvation Army Lee - Visit [Salvation Army](#) or Call 239-278-1551

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

Red Cross - Visit [Gulf Coast Red Cross](#) - Call 239-596-6868

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

To find other local resources - Visit United Way 211 www.211info.org dial 211 or call 239-433-3900

Information Resources:

Local Public Shelters - Visit [Lee County Public Shelters](#)

Code Red notifications - To receive notifications regarding emergencies, sign up at [Code Red notifications](#) - Visit [Florida Disaster](#) or call 850-815-4000

Evacuation Zones Map - Visit [Know your Evacuation Zone](#)

Flood Zones Map - Visit [Flood Zones Map](#)

State Assistance Information Line - Call 800-342-3557

Florida 511 Traveler Information - Visit [Travel Advisories](#) to download information and App

Gas Buddy- To find gas stations - Visit [Gas Buddy](#)

Hurricane Readiness Information - Visit [Hurricane Readiness Information](#)— Visit [Hurricane weather](#)— Visit [City of Bonita Springs](#)

Price Gouging - Call 1-866-966-7226

Utilities/Waste:

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

TECO Peoples Gas - Visit [TECO Peoples Gas](#) or call 1-877-832-6747

Bonita Springs Utilities - Visit [BSU Utilities](#) - Call 239-992-0711 or 800-583-1496

Lee County Solid Waste - Visit <http://www.leeqov.com/solidwaste> or call 239-533-8000

Advanced Disposal - Call 239-334-1224

FEMA:

Disaster Assistance - Visit [Disaster assistance](#) 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 [Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance](#)

Council on the Move

City Council Meeting—Wednesday, June 2nd was the first meeting back in the City Offices after renovations to the building.



Left: Laura Carr Council District 3, Mayor Rick Steinmeyer leading the council meeting, and Chris Corrie Council District 4

Below: Local residents attend the first 2021 City Council Meeting in City Hall.



Left: Bobby Hunter, Chairman City of the Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee, Adam Prentki II, Veterans Committee and American Legion, Mayor Rick Steinmeyer and Retired Sgt. Vietnam Veteran David Grossi at Memorial Day Service.

Below: Mayor Rick Steinmeyer sharing time with the Memorial Day Veterans Honor Guards.



Below: Honorary Brick Award Recipient, 100 year old Vaughn “Sam” Humphrey, WWII veteran with Councilwoman Amy Quaremba



Scenes from MEMORIAL DAY 2021

Bonita Springs observed Memorial Day with their annual ceremony. The ceremony had all the military and Memorial Day traditions. Members of the branches of military stood as the United States Armed Forces Medley was sung and taps played.

Hundreds packed Riverside Park to honor those who died in the line of duty with the Aisle of Flags with one hundred American flags lining the walkways. The Marine Corps League participated with the firing of the rifles and 21-gun salute. Participants of all ages came out to be a part of the Bonita Springs Memorial Day Service.



Left: Retired Sergeant and Vietnam veteran, David Grossi delivered the keynote address and shared his experience of over 20 years in the Air Force during the Memorial Day event. He is a resident of Bonita Springs.



Above: Vaughn "Sam" Humphrey, age 100, was awarded with a Veterans' Memorial Walkway brick during the Memorial Day Service. Humphrey served in World War II and saved the life of the driver of a vehicle he was in that was shot at during maneuvers in Germany.



Did You Know.....

City of Bonita Springs residents will be able to safely and responsibly dispose of household chemical waste (HCW) such as leftover paints, cleaners, herbicides, pesticides, automotive fluids and pool chemicals on October 6, 2021.



HCW has set up their FY22 proposed collection event schedule and is part of the City of Bonita Springs Interlocal Agreement with the County to provide residents convenient and responsible disposal of chemicals that might otherwise be harmful to people and the environment. Put these collection dates on your calendar as reminders.

Reminder the next HCW collection will be Wednesday, July 7, 2021 10:00am to 2:00pm located at the Bonita Springs Recreation Center 26740 Pine Ave.

Quarter 1:

10/06/2021 – 10:00am to 2:00pm - Bonita Springs Recreation Center, 26740 Pine Ave

Quarter 2:

01/05/2022 – 10:00am to 2:00pm - Bonita Springs Recreation Center, 26740 Pine Ave

Quarter 3:

04/06/2022 – 10:00am to 2:00pm - Bonita Springs Recreation Center, 26740 Pine Ave

Quarter 4:

07/06/2022 – 10:00am to 2:00pm - Bonita Springs Recreation Center, 26740 Pine Ave

Businesses that need chemical waste disposal can call 239-533-8000 to schedule an appointment for the monthly business collection. You can use the link to find out what items are accepted for collections and the drop-off center: <https://www.leegov.com/solidwaste/residential/dispose/chemicals>

Any question or for more information, residents can call 239-533-8000. Any items that are dried-up, solidified or empty can be disposed of with the regular household garbage.

City Council has approved moving forward with a sub-recipient agreement for the completion of hydraulic modeling study and construction plans for the Citrus Park/ East Bonita Stormwater Improvement Project.

Kisinger Campo & Associates were awarded the RFQ (RFQ# 20-29) for the project on March 10th, 2021, and will be tasked with developing the study and designing solutions that will improve stormwater issues in the East Bonita area.



Did You Know....continued

City Water Conservation and Irrigation updates are in the works



Council has approved moving forward with updating the city’s current Water Conservation and Irrigation Restriction Regulations (Article III Water Conservation – Sec. 42-47) to provide for compliance and consistency with the requirements set by Florida Statutes and the South Florida Water Management District.

The South Florida Water Management District has reached out to all municipalities within the district with direction to, and guidance for, updating and amending their respective regulations pertaining to Water Conservation and Irrigation Restrictions in order to maintain consistency with State Statutes Chapter 40E-24 & 40E-21. The principal goals are

to: assure the continued viability, quantity and quality of the area’s water resources long into the future; provide consistency among the regulatory language (s) used across the district; assure full compliance with the requirements of State Statute (s); assure protection of our water resources during periods of extensive drought; and provide District resources and support for regulatory guidance and enforcement.

The City awarded LWCF Grant for Skatepark and Pump Track

The city has been awarded an LWCF grant for the completion of a new skatepark and pump track. The FDEP announced the availability of FY 2019-2020 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) on a competitive basis on January 13, 2020. LWCF is a competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to local governmental entities for the development or acquisition of land for public outdoor recreational purposes. The City submitted the application for the skate park and pump track on January 31, 2020.



The City received notice of project award on May 4, 2021 for \$279,849. The LWCF grant requires a 1:1 match and the City has allocated the match in the Parks and Recreation budget in anticipation of the award. The agreement outlines a two (2)-year

construction period to install the

improvements at the Skate Park and Pump Track located at the City’s Recreation Center.



Imperial River Artist Cottage Updates

The Artist Cottages located behind Riverside Park in downtown Bonita Springs are restored fishing bungalows. They offer an enchanting selection of handmade jewelry, paintings, seashell designs and more.



KARATE

Tues & Thurs 5:30-7 pm
June 22- July 15



Instructor Vincent Cannarsa learned the Art of Karate on the Island of Okinawa, and has over 35 years of teaching experience.

Parents are welcome to register for class with their children.

**\$45 /
8 Classes**

Please pre-register at the Bonita Recreation Center Front Desk

**CITY OF BONITA
SPRINGS PARKS AND
RECREATION CLASSES
FOR MORE
INFORMATION CALL
239-992-2556.**



STRETCH AND TONE

Fitness Class

Mon, Wed & Friday
8:00-9:00am

