Downtown Talk

Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance Newsletter

From the Desk of...

By now, Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo and the Kentucky Derby have come and gone. What an exciting first week of May it has been. As we continue into May, let's not forget its National Bike month. Citizens are encouraged to ride their bikes to work and or anyplace they go instead driving of a vehicle. Have you done that yet?

May is also a month to remember our men and women who served our country. As every year, the City of Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee hosts the annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 30th at Riverside Park at 9 a.m. If you have not attended this event, it is one you should make time for to thank all of those who served our country proudly.

As we continue to develop our downtown corridor, there are both supporters and opposition for the Imperial Landing project. Let's all come together for the betterment of the downtown area and have faith in the elected officials whose job it is to decide on what is built on the property.

Finally, It's also time for graduations and summer camps. Please be careful when you see the kids and adults on their bikes this summer. Be Kind!

Cheers!
Trish Leonard, IOM
President
Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance (BSDA)

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May meeting at Shangri-La Springs inside the Harvest and Wisdom Dining Room

May Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 24th
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: Shangri-La Springs, 27750 Old 41 Rd

Business Agenda:
5:30 pm- Social Hour
Secretary's report
Treasurer's report
Introductions of guests
Speaker - Josh Goergen, Government Relations Manager, for SWFL Inc
Topic: 2022 Legislative Update, SWFL Inc.

May Events Happening Downtown

May 13-14

Fiesta Bonita Event
Concert Event

When: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Where: Riverside Park
Click Here

May 14

Bonita Springs
Concert Band

When: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Riverside Park
Click Here

May 15

Fiesta Bonita
Family Event

When: 4 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Where: Prado Theater
Click Here

May 30

Memorial Day
Veteran's Service

When: 9am
Where: Riverside Park
Click Here

Upcoming Holidays

May is National Bike Month

Rooftop at Riverside Groundbreaking

How exciting to attend the groundbreaking of the Rooftop at Riverside which will be located in Historic Downtown Bonita Springs.

Meet your Speaker

Josh Goergen

Government Relations Manager, for SWFL Inc
Topic: 2022 Legislative Update, SWFL Inc.

Josh Goergen is the Government Relations Manager for SWFL Inc., a regional chamber of commerce serving businesses in Charlotte, Collier, and Lee County. Prior to his current role, Josh was a legislative assistant to Senator Lizbeth Benacquisto and Senator Ray Rodrigues for 3 years. His professional interests include policy development, economic development, advocacy, and lobbying. In his work at SWFL Inc., Josh focuses on workforce housing, water quality, and talent development. Josh received his B.S. in Economics at Florida State University and his M.B.A. at Florida Gulf Coast University. He is a proud

5th generation Floridian and enjoys spending time outdoors whether it is fishing or boating. If you have questions for Josh, he can be reached at josh@swflinc.com.

For more information click here

BDSA Member Spotlight

Candice Kelber Interiors

Award winning designer, Candice Sebring-Kelber, began life in a family of artists. With a love of design, she holds degrees in both Fashion Design, as well as being a Summa Cum Laude graduate in Interior Design.
Credentials: Candice is a professionally licensed Interior Designer in the State of Florida, NCIDQ certified & has been a member of professional associations including Fashion Group Int'l, ASID American Society of Interior Designers & the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
Awards & Accolades: Candice has been a past writer/contributor on Fashion & Interiors for both Bayfront and ICON Magazines where she wrote regular features on fashion and interiors. Candice has worked on projects across the country and her work has been showcased in a variety of publications including: **Bayfront Magazine, ICON Magazine**, **Naples Illustrated, Naples Daily News, Gulfshore Life**, **Florida Weekly**, **Grandeur Magazine & N magazine**.
Community Involvement: For three consecutive years, she headed the Fashion Obsession event benefiting the Go Red for Women campaign for the American Heart Association, Member of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) and Board member with BSDA.

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Upcoming Speakers

Tue. June 28th
Jason Colbert, Bonita Springs Library Branch Manager,
Jason is a well-traveled professional who has worked in numerous states over his career. Some include Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Alaska. A naval veteran who was an accountant for 15 years, he's

been a librarian for just over seven years. Over that time, he's been in various positions, including library assistant, librarian, and now Branch Manager of the Bonita Springs Branch Library.
He is passionate about literacy and public inclusion.
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(Corner of Old 41 and Ragsdale)

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