



Downtown Talk

Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance Newsletter

From the Desk of...

Let's Keep the Beautiful in Bonita!

Is our downtown clean and beautiful? Is there litter on our streets due to the lack of garbage receptacles around town, or just plain rude people who don't care and throw their garbage on the ground? This is not our beautiful Bonita.



Are our parks sparkling and being adequately taken care of? I recently attended an event at Riverside Park, and the bathrooms could have been more satisfactory. Speaking of Riverside Park, it's looking dull, and the grass is dying. I am sure it's due to all the use it gets, plus Hurricane Ian was not so friendly to us. I believe there is a city "park use fee," but maybe they should consider revisiting how much the city charges to use the parks to increase funding for maintenance.

We are also blessed to have beautiful art, not just downtown but surrounding areas of Bonita Springs. However, at times they are also being abused, especially with the piece, "**Setting the Pace**," the large sculpture at Riverside Park. I cringe when I see kids climb over it, but maybe the city would consider roping it off during events—just an idea. Councilman Fullick was the Chair of the Arts in Public Places committee before becoming a councilman. He is now the city liaison for the committee.

These are some of the questions you can ask at our Tuesday, April 25th meeting, as our speaker is newly elected Councilman Nigel Fullick (District 5), representing most of the downtown area. He also shares part of the downtown district with Councilman Jesse Purdon (District 2), Who cares about keeping downtown Bonita Springs beautiful.

Finally, don't forget that Saturday, April 22, is Earth Day. This is a perfect time to help our environment get healthy again. Look at your businesses and surrounding areas. Do they need a little TLC? (No pun intended) it is a good time to spruce up your business or home, pull

the weeds, and paint if you can; I will do my part.
Remember to stop and smell the flowers; It will help your stress,
health, and environment.
See you at the next BSDA meeting. In the meantime, stay healthy!

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

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April's meeting at Shangri-La Springs inside the Harvest and Wisdom Dining Room



April Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 25th

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: Shangri-La Springs, 27750
Old 41 Rd

Business Agenda:

**5:30 pm- Social Hour
& Cash Bar**

Secretary's report

Introductions of guests

Speaker - Nigel Fullick

**City Council District 5, City of
Bonita Springs**

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April Events Happening Downtown



Kiwanis/Sunshine ACE
Big Green Egg EGGfest
Riverside Park
11am-3pm



Theatre Odyssey Shrimp &
Seafood Festival
Bonita Springs Poker Room
Friday 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday 11am – 9:00 pm
Sunday 11 am – 6:00 pm



423 Praise “Praise in the
Park Event”
Riverside Park
4pm-8pm



Bonita Springs Short Film
Festival
Prado Stadium 12 Theater
6pm



Bonita Springs Concert
Band
Riverside Park
2pm-4pm

April 9th- Happy Easter!
April 22nd- Happy Earth Day!

Meet your Speaker



Nigel Fullick
City Council District 5, City of Bonita Springs

Originally from London, England, Nigel grew up in Michigan but has called South Florida home since 1970. Nigel is a proud U.S. Army Veteran, and a graduate (79') of Florida Atlantic University. He actually worked his way through school as a police officer, then detective before serving 4 years as an Organized Crime Division agent.

An avid snow skier growing up, he raced World Cup for two years. An original member of the U.S. Speed Skiing Team, he served on the U.S. Ski Association's Olympic Committee for Speed Skiing from 1987-89. After retiring from ski racing, Nigel spent seven years as the CEO for two national ski companies. He founded, and later successfully sold, the largest charter ski company in Florida.

Nigel entered the mortgage industry in 1997 and quickly became nationally recognized, taking successful leadership roles with two publicly traded

companies. Passionate about community involvement, Nigel served as Chairman of the Art in Public Places Board for the City of Bonita Springs from 2004 until his election to City Council in 2022. He served on the Board of Directors for: Habitat for Humanity of Palm Beach County (12 years), the Amigos Center for Lee and Collier counties (4 years), and serves on the Board of Directors of the Bonita Springs Center for The Arts. In 2015 he was elected President of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Southwest Florida and continues to serve on the Southwest Florida Board of Governors. He is an active member of the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce, and the of Bonita-Estero Realtor Board. Nigel served as a Team Leader in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life from 2005-2017. He remains an avid snow skier, boater and still loves to travel.

Nigel was elected as Bonita Springs City Councilman, District 5, in 2022, and serves as the City Council Liaison to: the Veteran's Committee, Blue Zone Committee, Human Services Committee, Art in Public Places Board and the Lee County Tourist Development Council.

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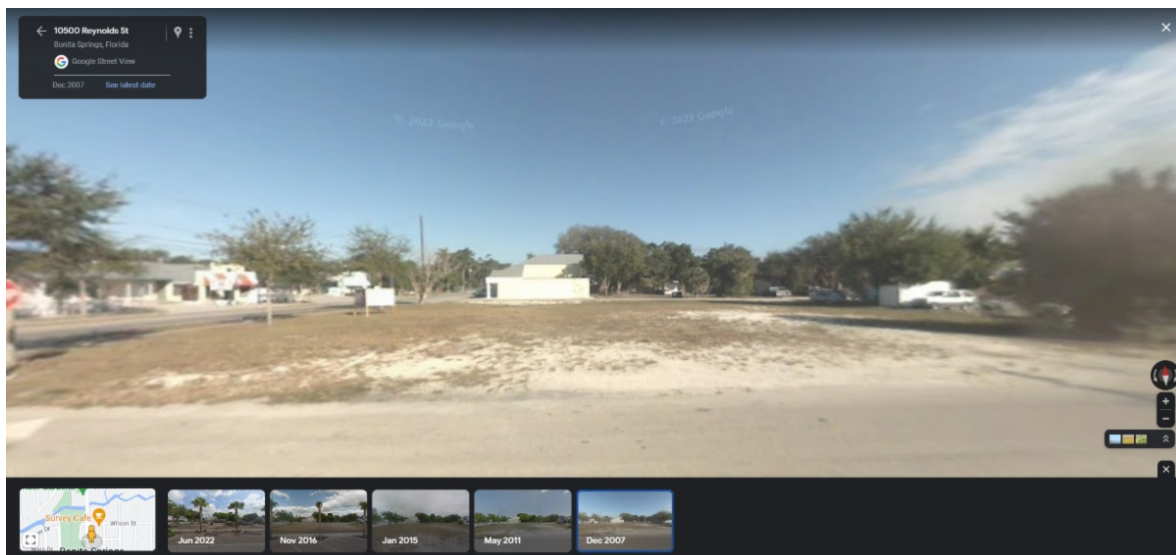
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November 2022- Construction of Food Truck Park



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