

# Downtown Talk

Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance Newsletter

#### From the desk of the President...

Can you believe it's November already?

I'm writing this a couple hours after our Inaugural Trick-or-Treat event has wrapped up, and all I can say is WOW!

I was a little worried about how many people would show up, but boy did they show up! The crowd just kept growing. After about an hour I decided to walk with my boys to check out the rest of the event. I was so amazed how



many of you had really gotten creative with your decorations and costumes. I was pretty lame and "dressed up" in my usual "bicycle mechanic" attire. LOL (I'll have to up my game next year.) Every table I went to was enthusiastically staffed and had many children and families enjoying themselves. Just judging by the bags of candy my kids collected, our event was more productive for the children than many of the neighborhoods we have been to in the past. Great job everyone! Special thanks to Zach and Tracie for pulling this all together. It will be even better next year!

As we don't hold a December meeting, our final meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, Nov. 28. We will be collecting unwrapped toys and personal necessities for seniors for the holidays. Please bring what you can and we will make sure it finds its way to those who are in need.

In a bit of a twist for this meeting, we have two groups that have upcoming events they would like to inform us about. Arts Bonita will have their annual art shows on January 13th & 14th, February 10th & 11th, and March 2nd & 3rd. The Wonder Gardens would like to let us know about their upcoming fundraiser in early February. We thought it would be important and timely to have them give us the information on these events and allow you to ask questions.

I still would like to hear from everyone about what you think of our

group, what we are doing right, what could we do better, and if we are missing something altogether. Everyone is very busy and there are only so many hours in the day, so I am grateful that our meetings are well attended. I will try to keep them relevant and something you feel is worth the time away from your businesses and families.

Wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving and see you at our Tuesday, Nov. 28 meeting at the Shangri-La Springs.

Thank you again for the honor of representing you all, Mike Gibson President, Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance

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Thank you to the following businesses who participated in our first Trick or Treat on Old 41. Right at Home, Outdoor Kitchen, Keller Williams, Moshin Media, Bonita Fire, Cafe of Life, Blue Zones, For Heaven Shakes, Fairfield By Mariott, Moran Kennedy, Dellatore, Bubbles and Biscuits, SWFL Home Group, LCSO, Downtown Coffee, Engles Bike Shop, Naples on the Gulf, Survey Café, Candice Kelber Design, Rooftop at Riverside, Bonita Historical Society, TLC Marketing & Creative Services, Sugar Shack Live, As You Like It Salon, Scheherazadeslight, K9 Cottage Academy, Shangri-La Springs, Wonder Gardens, Oak Creek Charter School, Arts Bonita, Waffle Monkey, Bonita Elementary, LCSO, YMCA Bonita, Absolute Fragrance, Hummingbird House, B2 Liquidation, Sawar Solutions, and Ceremony Brewing.

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



#### **November's Meeting**

<u>Date:</u> Tuesday, November 28th <u>Time:</u> 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. <u>Location:</u> Shangri-La Springs, 27750 Old 41 Rd

Business Agenda: 5:30 pm- Social Hour & Cash Bar Secretary's report Introductions of guests Speaker - Bonita Springs Wonder Gardens & Arts Bonita

**RSVP HERE** 



## Holiday Drive

Please donate toys and items for Seniors to help children and seniors have a better Christmas season.

Bring Donations to Nov. BSDA Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 28th 5:30pm at Shangri-La Springs

Please consider toys for the children and non-skid socks, toiletries, or gift cards for the seniors.

Donations will be given to the Senior Center and local Childrens Charity.

## **Upcoming Events**



Bonita Springs Concert Band Riverside Park 2pm-4pm



Business Expo Bonita Naples Rotary The Stage 4pm- 7pm <u>Click Here to learn more</u>



Ceremony llam Riverside Park <u>Click Here to learn more</u>



Zoe's Oddz & Endz Volkerfest Riverside Park lpm-7:30pm



Steve Agius Memorial Casino Night The Stage 6pm-9pm



423 Praise Event Riverside Park 4pm-8pm



Movies in the Park Holiday Edition Riverside Park Begins at Dusk



Bonita Springs Holiday Stroll Riverside Park 6pm-9pm





## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Saturday, November 11th, 2023

11:00 a.m. Riverside Park 10450 Reynolds Stre<mark>et</mark>

**Guest Speaker** 

Louise Goetzelt Retired Chief Warrant Officer 5



For the freedoms that we all enjoy, Thank You to the men and women who have and continue to serve in all branches of our U.S. Armed Forces.

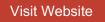
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#### **Bonita Springs Wonder Gardens & Arts Bonita**

This week we will be hearing from both the Wonder Gardens and Arts Bonita as they give us a run down of the upcoming events and changes in their organizations.

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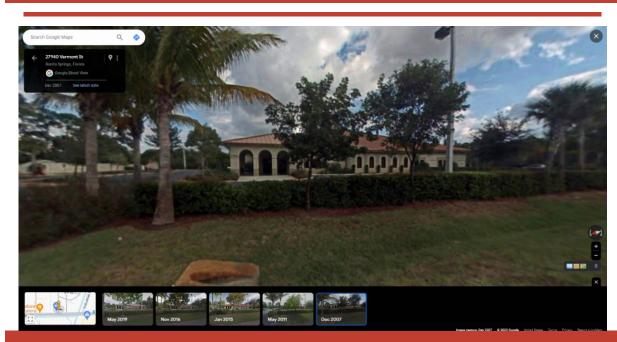
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### Arts Bonita 2019 NOW



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