

February BSDA Newsletter 2025



BONITA SPRINGS DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE
NEWSLETTER

DOWNTOWN TALK

From the President...

February 2025

Downtown Bonita is the happening place in SWFL!

We've been seeing a lot of action on Old 41 the last couple of weeks.

Congratulations, Sugar Shack, on your grand opening. It was obviously a successful opening weekend. There has been a buzz all week, and the masses definitely came out to see it for themselves this weekend. We are all happy to have you guys downtown. Best of luck for continued success.

The Bonita Springs Historical Society hosted a great pop-up beer garden in Riverside Park this past weekend that I got to enjoy with many of my friends. Thank you for helping attract more people to downtown.



Speaking of Riverside Park, I got the chance to check out the World Ukulele Day Festival and enjoy the great music from a very diverse and enthusiastic group of strummers. Thank you, Rob Wilde, for bringing this event to our community, we hope you can grow this into an annual event.

Our presentation later this month will be from Barron Collier Properties on their upcoming Imperial Crossing project on the former Bamboo lots on the river. Can't wait to hear how things are going.

I would like to thank our sponsor this month, Arts Bonita, we appreciate you guys. We appreciate the Shangri La for always hosting our group as well.

Membership renewals are currently being mailed out. Sorry we are a little late in getting them out, we had to overcome some technology issues closing out the fiscal year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that if any of you would like to sponsor an upcoming meeting please reach out to me and I'd be happy to get you set up. Sponsors help defray the food costs for the meetings and get a chance to talk about their business at the meeting and get showcased in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a great February!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Mike

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**Tuesday, February 25th is the BSDA
Meeting,**

Shangri-La Springs at 5:30 p.m.



BSDA is Thrilled to Announce Our February Speaker! **Barron Collier Companies**

Over the years, the Barron Collier Companies has grown from a land holding company to one of the largest diversified companies in Southwest Florida, with business ventures including extensive agricultural operations, commercial and residential real estate development, and oil exploration and mineral management. Collier's unwavering determination and foresight was matched by his strong values, his business sense, and his respect for the land he owned. Today, these qualities remain the cornerstone of success for the Barron Collier Companies.

Visit Their Website

Please RSVP for BSDA Meeting's!

Contact: sofia@trishleonard.com



**A Big Thanks to
February's Meeting Sponsor !**



Join us in February and March as artists set up their booths in and around Riverside Park in Bonita Springs, to dazzle the public with their talent. Bonita Springs welcomes hundreds of nationally and internationally known artists during the Bonita Springs National Art Festivals. Ranked among the best in the country, this festival is known to artists as one of the top events nationally. Approximately 200 artists are selected by a tough jury panel, meaning you'll see the best of the best—an unparalleled collection of original artwork.



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In honor of National Women's Month, we're hosting Women, Wills, and Wine. A NO COST presentation to inspire women to take charge of their decisions and build confidence.

Women, Wills, & Wine

Friday
March 7th | 4 - 5:30 P.M.

Waterford Executive Centre,
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Suite 201 | Bonita Springs

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Downtown has something for
everyone, head on over!**



Symposium: Innovations in Supporting the Lives of Individuals with IDD

***Increasing collaboration to enhance services to the
IDD Community in Southwest Florida.***

This symposium will bring together organizations to explore best practices, innovative approaches, and strategies for delivering quality services that meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) across the lifespan in Southwest Florida. The event will feature guest speakers, collaborative sessions and networking opportunities, focusing on promoting inclusive, person-centered, and effective services for those with IDD.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

**Florida Gulf Coast University
Cohen Ballroom
10501 FGCU Blvd
Fort Myers, FL 33965**

***To register please visit
the event website
below.***



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**Come Listen to Some Tunes at Riverside Park.
Hosted by Bonita Springs Concert Band!**

February Concert

Sunday, Feb 16 | 2:00 - 3:30pm

CONDUCTOR

Gary E Smith

LOCATION

Riverside Park

SPONSORED BY

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FEATURED GUESTS

GINNA CLAIRE MASON

[Click here for more concert dates!](#)

**Warm Welcome to Our
New BSDA Members!**

John R. Jenkins PLLC - Attorney

**Sagamore Management Co.
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The Bonita Springs YMCA is hosting their exclusive WHY COOK fundraiser dinner.
Why Cook is an interactive dinner taking place Wednesday,
February 26th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
at the Bonita Springs YMCA, 27200 Kent Rd, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

MEMBERSHIP!

RENEWING MEMBERS: Watch for your 2025 invoice coming soon!

BSDA is a community-driven organization that brings together businesses, non-profits, and local residents dedicated to the growth, promotion, and preservation of Old Downtown Bonita Springs, maintaining its unique old Florida charm.

Bonita Springs Downtown Alliance Inc. is organized exclusively as a business league. We are a Florida nonprofit corporation and IRS 501(c)6 organization with Federal tax FEIN ID #81-1385933.

The annual Membership period is from September 30th - October 1st
JOIN OR RENEW AT: <https://bonitadowntownalliance.com/membership/>

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Barron Collier Companies Past Projects !



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