

May 27th BSDA Meeting



BONITA SPRINGS DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE
NEWSLETTER

DOWNTOWN TALK



President's Message – May 2025

Things are calming down a bit and I made it out on the paddle board for the first time this year.

It's time to look back at how we did this season and see what we can improve on with our businesses. Things have been up in the air with all the tariffs, but we are starting to see deals being made. Hopefully, it all normalizes before we have to start buying for next season. It would be nice if there were more options for buying American products when we come through this.



Congratulations to Sophie and Survey Café for being ranked fourth best Café in SWFL. Old 41 is finally getting recognized for what the locals have known for years. The best locations and the best vibes in SWFL.

In case you missed it, last month's speaker was our new Lee County Commissioner, David Mulicka. He gave us his background of starting his business (HONC Destruction) and how his business knowledge is helping him make a difference on the County Commission with large projects like the airport renovation and the Fort Myers Beach pier. He also said he would relay our ask to be supportive of BERT and what the rail trail could mean to our community.

Our presentation this month will be about our parks, especially with the Riverside Park bandshell renovations that are underway. **Bonita Springs Parks and Recreation Director Nicole Perino** will join us to go over all the details.

I would like to thank our sponsor this month, WinTrust Community Bank, we appreciate you guys! We also appreciate the Shangri La for always hosting our group and catering the meeting!

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask that if any of you would like to sponsor an upcoming meeting (looking for July and later), 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'm taking suggestions for future speakers for our meetings, looking for July and later, who would you all like to hear from? Thanks.

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**Tuesday, May 27th is This Month's BSDA Meeting,
Shangri-La Springs at 5:30 p.m.**



**This month's special guest speaker is
Nicole Perino, Director of Parks and Recreation for**

the City of Bonita Springs

Nicole grew up in a small town in Ohio where she attended Ohio University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences and Exercise Physiology. During her 25-year career in the Parks and Recreation Field, she began as a Fitness Director of a municipal Recreation Center in Ohio and then continued to move up the ranks to her current position as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Bonita Springs overseeing the city's park system of 26 parks. Nicole is a proud graduate of Leadership Bonita class of 2015-2016. Nicole is a member of the Florida Parks and Recreation Association as well as a member of the National Parks and Recreation Association. A Member of the Wellness Councils of America and an American Council on Exercise certified personal trainer. During her time in Bonita Springs, she has also taught Anatomy and Physiology courses as an adjunct professor at the former Edison State College, now Florida Southwestern to students seeking a career in the personal training and Fitness instructing field

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EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT



01 MOTOWN ROSS BROWN
5PM - 7PM

03 KENTUCKY DERBY
2PM - 7PM

09 TIDE UP
BAND
6PM - 9PM

15 MOTOWN ROSS BROWN
5PM - 7PM

18 JOE YEOMAN BAND
5PM - 8PM

24 THE RUMRUNNERS
6PM - 9PM

30 PHENOMENAL ANIMAL
5PM - 8PM

02 MEAGAN ROSE TRIO
6PM - 9PM

04 GATOR NATE
5PM - 8PM

10 THE FLORA
TRIO
6PM - 9PM

16 RELENTLESS FIRE BAND
6PM - 9PM

22 MOTOWN ROSS BROWN
5PM - 7PM

25 THE KARIN JAMES BAND
5PM - 8PM

31 JUMPIN' FENCES
6PM - 9PM

03 THE REWIND BAND
6PM - 9PM

08 MOTOWN ROSS BROWN
5PM - 7PM

11 HAMBONE & THE
LESTER BELEAU BAND
5PM - 8PM

17 BACKLASH
5PM - 7PM

23 THE LINE-UP TRIO
6PM - 9PM

29 MOTOWN ROSS BROWN
5PM - 7PM



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**A special thank you to last month's
speaker David Mulicka**



Bonita Springs Short Film Celebrated Ten Years !



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