October

BONITA SPRINGS DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

DOWNTOWN TALK

President's Reminder Message-October 2026

The Halloween decorations look great Downtown! Between the City and all the businesses that decorated, it looks amazing, thank you for taking part in the festivities. The City's Halloween stroll has been bringing out the people and they are enjoying the cooler evenings. The "Nightmare on Old 41" bus crawl was an awesome hit again this year. I hope everyone is ready for Halloween this Saturday. This year we have the road closed thanks to the City, and we are expecting a very large crowd of Trick-or-Treaters.

We could still use some more businesses or individuals to supply and hand out candy to make this an amazing experience for the children, please reach out to **Zach at info@ceremonybrewing.com** if you can participate. The stores still have plenty of candy available so buy lots of it. I went through about a dozen large bags last year.

Before the Haloween night festivities begin, I invite you all to join us at the **ribbon cutting of the Banyan Square & Splashpad on Thursday, October 29th at 7:30PM**. This is a huge renovation for downtown so I hope to see you all there!

This month we have **Commander Mark Bonora** from LCSO to update us on our Community Policing and how they assist with events downtown. Thank you to our meeting sponsor this month: **Gotcha Covered.**

See you Tomorrow night at Shangri-La!

Mike



Mike Gibson, President

Next BSDA Meeting @ Shangri-La Springs
Tuesday, October 27th 5:30 p.m.

Interested in sponsoring a meeting?
Email Mike Gibson at bsdaprez@gmail.com

Please RSVP for the BSDA Meeting to:
lee@shangrilasprings.com

October's Speaker:

Commander Mark Bonora



Commander Bonora began his law enforcement career in 1997 with the Florida Highway Patrol, promoting to Corporal in 1999 as a Traffic Homicide Investigator out of Troop F, Fort Myers Precinct. Commander Bonora joined the Lee County Sheriff's Office in 2007, working Patrol and as a Field Training Officer in 5th Precinct before joining the K-9 Unit in 2009.

In 2017, Commander Bonora was promoted to Sergeant in 5th Precinct as a patrol supervisor before transferring to the Violent Crimes Unit.

In 2021, Commander Bonora was promoted to Administrative Lieutenant serving in 3rd Precinct. In 2022, Commander Bonora was promoted to Captain as a Watch Commander, then supervisor within the Criminal Investigations Bureau before returning back to 5th as Precinct Captain.

In September of 2025, Commander Bonora took command of 4th Precinct.

A native of New Jersey, moving to Florida in 1987, Commander Bonora is a graduate of Cape Coral High School, has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Florida, and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from

Florida Gulf Coast University. Commander Bonora enjoys spending time with his wife and two children, traveling and enjoying local restaurants.

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Upcoming Events



The City of Bonita Springs

RIBBON CUTTING

of the Banyan Square & Splashpad

October 29th, 2026 **7:30 PM**

27381 Old 41 Rd

For questions, please call City Hall at 239-949-6262 or visit CityofBonitaSprings.org

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Save the Date
HAPPY HAUNTS
IMMERSIVE HALLOWEEN STROLL
DOWNTOWN BONITA SPRINGS
LILES HOTEL PLAZA AND SURROUNDING AREAS
Oct. 22nd- 31st
5:30pm-10PM
City of Bonita Springs Florida
www.cityofbonitasprings.org
239-949-6262
DOWNTOWN BONITA SPRINGS BUSINESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO LIGHT UP AND DECORATE TO ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE.
LIGHTING AND DECOR WILL BE LIT FRI.-SAT. 5:30 PM- 11:00 PM


TRICK OR TREAT
FREE CANDY
OCTOBER 31
5:00PM - 8:00PM
OLD 41 FROM DEAN ST. TO WILSON ST.





Do You Have an Upcoming Event?

We invite BSDA members to send us an email with the event details and/or a graphic to be featured in the **following month's email.**

The deadline to submit events and graphics for the November newsletter has passed.

Please email **emily@trishleonard.com** with your event information or any questions you may have regarding the newsletter.

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

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