

Vote — Aug. 30 — Primary Election



Important dates

All activities are public

- ◆ Aug. 8, Alva Inc. general membership meeting, 7 p.m. Alva Community Center
- ◆ Aug. 10: School opens
- ◆ Aug. 20-27: Early voting
- ◆ Aug. 26: Woman suffrage 1920
- ◆ Aug. 30 : Primary Election Day
- ◆ Sept. 1: World War II began 1939
- ◆ Sept. 5: Labor Day

School board hopefuls want your input on school site

Candidates plan to attend Aug. 8 Alva Inc. meeting; Public session starts at 7 p.m., Alva Community Center

School board hopefuls Betsy Vaughn and Don Armstrong say they want to come to the Aug. 8 Alva Inc. meeting to hear more about the group's proposal to use acreage at Tuckahoe Road and Joel Boulevard for the next East Zone high school.

Candidate Jane Kuckel attended the May meeting for the same purpose.

There are 17 candidates running for the school board this year in non-partisan races. A CD version of Alva Inc.'s proposal was mailed to each candidate after the July meeting. All were made aware of the Aug. 8 opportunity to hear more.

Two of the school board seats will be filled by voters throughout Lee County. Voters in specific districts will decide the other races.

About 40 people attended the July meeting. Several spoke against using the



Proposed high school site

another site be used for the school.

Alva Inc.'s steering committee for the high school looked for and found other large parcels. Some are larger than the 102-acres at Tuckahoe and Joel and would require the owner to be willing to split the property. Owners of other parcels have or are seeking development

rights for recreational vehicle or housing projects. The district owns the property at Tuckahoe and Joel. It paid \$6.1 million for it in 2007. The school board would risk angering voting taxpayers throughout the district if it decides to spend millions for another site when it already has one . The district expects to spend \$10.9 million for 76 acres in Bonita Springs to use for a new high school. The Bonita school will be built with money from a capital outlay property tax of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value that will be part of next year's school budget. The tax will raise about \$109.2 million.

site because of the impact they predicted a school would have on the surrounding neighborhood. Others welcomed a high school for Alva, but suggested

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Also Aug. 8: Update on Babcock's impact on Lee County. See Page 3

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Kitson: No roads to to CR 78 from Babcock

High-level members of the Babcock Ranch management team outlined plans for a low-density development along SR 31 at a meeting July 28 with the North Olga Community Planning Panel.

The same presentation is scheduled Aug. 8 at the Alva Inc. public meeting.

Highlights of the North Olga meeting: Babcock developer Sid Kitson said he doesn't want a road from the ranch to North River Road (CR 78)

Plans call for one housing unit per 2.6 acres in Lee County and 1.3 units per over all including the Charlotte County sector.

All aspects of the ranch will be open and accessible for the public.

Sales and model homes are starting this year. Home prices are from high \$100,000s to \$1 million.

Water management includes filtering



Map shows Babcock Ranch holdings in Lee County. Yellow is residential. Orange commercial.

features to clean runoff before it reaches the Caloosahatchee River.

Density in the Lee County areas will decline as homes get closer to Lee County

preserves.

Homes will feature front porches and old Florida architecture.

90 percent of 91,000 acres preserved.

50 acres at Old Rodeo Drive will have commercial and entertainment uses linked to the river and Lee Civic Center

Babcock will pay to make SR 31 a divided four-lane road.

A K-8 charter school is planned.



A woman makes a point about a new high school in the East Zone during the July 11 Alva Inc. meeting devoted to the topic. About 40 people attended.

Charleston Park has a new neighborhood coordinator

When Alice Washington passed earlier this year Charleston Park lost an experienced community organizer.

Washington worked on many levels to help her neighbors find help from appropriate social service agencies as well as coordinating special events such as Charleston Park Day to bring residents together.

A new neighborhood coordinator has been hired by Goodwill Industries to carry on the work .

Her name is Yvette Lee and, like Washington did, she is working out of an office and meeting clients at the community center.

The office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1-7:30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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