



Important dates

All activities are open to the public

- ◆ Sept. 14: Alva Inc. general membership meeting, 7 p.m., Alva Community Center.
- ◆ Sept. 14: Rosh Hashanah, no school
- ◆ Lee County Commission meeting, 9:30 a.m., Courthouse, Fort Myers
- ◆ Sept. 23: First day of Autumn
- ◆ Oct. 3: Pet retreat morning, 9:30 a.m. House of Prayer Retreat Center, 17880 Cypress Creek Road

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Next county budget brings money for parks Alva's way

Lee County's next budget could bring about \$3.5 million for outdoor projects to Alva.

The money will go to build a park on Joel Boulevard, replace the Alva boat ramp dock, continue shoreline stabilization efforts in the Caloosahatchee Regional Park and purchase land to create a water conservation area by Fichter Creek.

County commissioners talked about the projects Sept. 1 during their budget workshop. They decided, among other



Replacing the Alva boat ramp dock is a major maintenance project included in Lee County's budget for the 2015-16 year.

things, to go ahead with each project.

The park on Joel will cost \$1.5 million

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Local government tax time starts this month

Public hearings on tax rates and public budgets that directly affect your lives begin in a matter of days. Budgets must be approved by Sept. 30

There hearings are your opportunity to speak directly to your elected officials about the services you receive from their agencies. About two weeks after these hearings another round will be held, followed by votes setting the property tax rate and the budgets that will be used from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2016.

Here are the public hearings that cover Alva:

Sept. 8: Lee County School Board, 5:05 p.m. Lee County Public Education Center, 2855 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966. Phone: 239-337-8215

Sept. 9: Lee County, 5:05 p.m. Lee County Commission Chambers, 2120 Main St, Fort Myers, FL 33901. Phone: 239-533-2221

Sept. 10: South Florida Water Management District, 5:15 p.m. SFWMD Auditorium B -1 Bldg, 3301 Gun Club Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. Phone: 561-686-8800

Sept. 10: Lee County Mosquito Control/Hyacinth Commission, 5:01 p.m./5:15 p.m. 15191 Homestead Rd, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971. Phone: 239-694-2174

Sept. 11: West Coast Inland Navigation District, 5:01 p.m., Venice City Hall, 401 W Venice Ave, Venice, FL 34285. Phone: 941-485-9402

Sept. 14: Alva Fire District, 5:45 p.m. Station 1, 2660 Styles Road, Alva, FL 33920 Phone: 239-728-2223

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Historic Alva



Images of Moss and Flora Farmer hang in the museum near trophy cases for the Alva School. Moss was principle of the school from 1956-

Museum takes you back to good ol' school days

Children went back to The Alva School on Aug. 24, where principle Lynn Edward guides their elementary and middle school educations.

The Alva Museum and Library holds many memories of school days past, including the pictures of former principle Moss Farmer.

The museum is closed for the summer, but it is scheduled to reopen in October and remain open on Saturdays, from 2-4 p.m. through next May.

The museum is on Pearl Street across from the Alva United Methodist Church.

Budget _____

and be paid for with impact fees

The proposed budget includes \$300,000 each for the boat ramp and shoreline restoration. The county is seeking agrant for the ramp project. The shoreline project already is underway.

The Fichter Creek project is budgeted for \$1.4 million and requires land purchas-es to complete.

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2 pm. — 4 p.m.

Courtesy of the Alva Garden Club
Meetings the third Tuesday of the month
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Can animals teach us about God?

The House of Prayer Retreat Center is planning a two-hour celebration of our pets on Oct. 3.

The event starts at 9:30 a.m. and will explore what pets teach us about God.

There is no charge. Donations of cleaning supplies will be accepted and passed on to the Caloosa Humane Society in LaBelle.

The House of prayer Re-

treat Center is at 17880 Cypress Creek Road in Alva.

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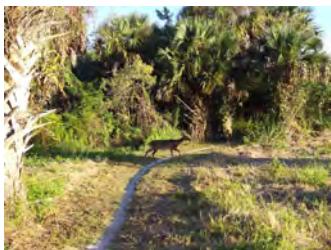
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Autumn arrives Sept. 23; Get out and take a hike

Outdoorsy people can find plenty of parks and preserves to enjoy in the Alva area as the climate downshifts from broiling summer to a milder Fall. Here's a look at some of them:



Caloosahatchee Regional Park

- 19130 North River Road
- 768 acres
- Leased from state
- Pine flatwoods, scrub oak, cypress swamp
- 20+ miles of trails
- Fishing pier



Hickey Creek

- 17908 S.R. 80
- Gopher tortoise habitat
- 862 acres
- One mile creekfront
- Fishing pier
- Boat launch
- Picnic areas
- Trails



Manatee Park

- 10901 S.R. 80
- 17 acres
- Manatee viewing
- 100,000 visitors/year
- Education programs
- Interpretive talks
- ADA accessible

Alva Community Park

Ball fields, tennis courts, playground and swings are here at 21471 North River Road.

Charleston Park

Playgrounds by age group, basketball pavilion and multi-use field at 2541 Charleston

Park Drive

Olga Community Park

Playgrounds lighted tennis/ basketball court, picnic shelter and grill at 2325 South Olga Drive

Alva Scrub Preserve

1,155 acres accessible from

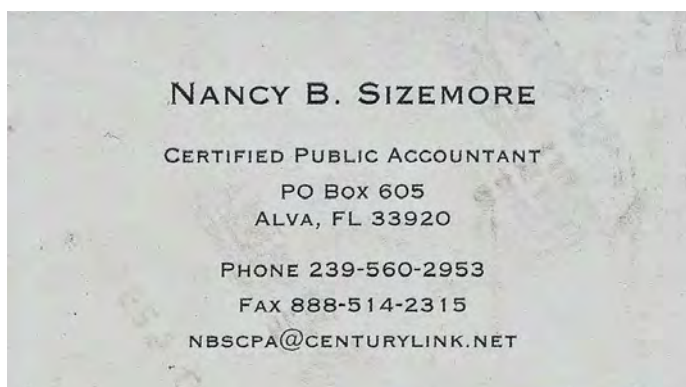
Joel Boulevard.

Bob Janes Preserve

5,620 acres accessible from Telegraph Creek Preserve off North River Road
Telegraph Creek Preserve
1,727 acres accessible from 16451 North River Road.

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