



Collier County Government

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (JANUARY-MARCH)

HIGHLIGHTS OF PUBLIC SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Programs by: Domestic Animal Services, Extension Services, Museums, Parks, Libraries, Housing & Human Services and Veteran Services; Sections: Highlighted Programs, Events, Activities for Kids & Parents and For Adults/Seniors

Public Contacts are listed in each entry.

Special Events (in order by date)

Raid on Gopher Ridge by Immokalee Pioneer Museum

Info: For all ages. Watch a Civil War Reenactment that actually occurred in Immokalee! Event includes a barbeque, performances and music.

Date: Saturday, Jan. 5 and Sunday, Jan. 6

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Immokalee Pioneer Museum at 1215 Roberts Ave. W., Immokalee, FLA.

Cost: \$5 per persons 12 or older; Children younger than 12 free

Contact: (239) 252-8476 or visit www.colliergov.net/museum

NEW Smooch-a-Pooch Kiss-a-Kitty Adoption Fair by Domestic Animal Services

Info: The public is invited to an open house where DAS and rescue groups will be adopting out homeless animals. This event includes many rescues. This Valentine-themed event will also include family activities.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Domestic Animal Services at 7610 Davis Blvd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free entry; Adoption fees vary

Contact: DAS at (239) 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets

Old Florida Festival by Collier County Museum

Info: For all ages. Step back 10,000 years to the days of pioneers and before. The Old Florida Festival is a celebration of Florida's history and foundation with interactive activities, reenactors and more.

Date: Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. both days

Location: Collier County Museum of Naples at 3301 E. Tamiami Tr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$5 adults; \$2 children nine and older; Children eight and under free

Contact: (239) 252-8476 or visit www.colliergov.net/museum

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Naples Marco Island Antique Car Club Show

Info: For all ages. This is an annual event at the Naples Depot featuring classic cars and fun.

Date: Saturday, March 1

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Naples Depot at 101 Fifth Ave. S. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 262-6525 or visit www.colliergov.net/museum

Location Change Country Jam by Collier County Parks and Recreation

Info: Enjoy country sounds, shopping and family fun at this one-day country music festival.

Date: Saturday, March 8

Time: 2-10 p.m.

Location: Collier County Fairgrounds 11 miles east of I-75 Exit 111

Cost: Advanced tickets purchased by March 5 cost \$20; At gate, \$25

Contact: (239) 252-4000 or visit www.countryjamnaples.com

Ag Tour by Extension Services

Info: For all ages. Learn about the agriculture industry in Collier County and eat lunch at Collier County Museum's Immokalee Pioneer Museum.

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Time: Tour One: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tour Two: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location: Bus leaves from 14700 Immokalee Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$55 per person

Contact: (239) 353-4244

Collier County Public Library Bargain Book Sale

Info: Not just books, this sale includes CDs, DVDs, books, magazines, video and more.

Date: Friday, March 14 through Saturday, March 22 (closed Sunday, March 16)

Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Naples Regional Library at 650 Central Ave. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 263-7768 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAM-

Children's Collector's Corner by North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall

Info: Do you collect baseball cards, matchbox cars or Barbie dolls? Put your child's collections on exhibit at North Collier Regional Park's exhibit hall to showcase your tiny one's prized possessions. For children in K through seventh grades.

Date: Individual collections, once received, will be displayed for a two week period (ongoing)

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: Nancy Olson at (239) 252-4060 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Brain Games by Veterans Community Park

Info: Preschoolers keep their brains ticking while instructors use games and activities to build their puzzle solving, logic and memory skills. For ages 3-5.

Date: Jan. 7-Feb. 25 (Mondays) Feb. 21-March 27 (Thursdays)

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Veterans Community Park at 1895 Veterans Park Dr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$35 per child per six week session

Contact: (239) 566-2367 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

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NEW - KIDS Bingo Time by Veterans Community Park

(recurring)

Info: Children enjoy fun bingo games including ABC's beginning sounds, sight words, colors shapes, pictures, numbers and some addition. For ages 4-7.

Date: Jan. 7-Feb. 25, March 3-Apr. 14 (Mondays)

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Location: Veterans Community Park at 1895 Veterans Park Dr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$35 per child per six week session

Contact: (239) 566-2367 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

NEW - KIDS Math Fun Program by Veterans Community Park

(recurring)

Info: Preschoolers learn numbers, counting, adding, subtracting through story times, activities, games, projects and demonstrations. For ages 3-5.

Date: Jan. 10-Feb. 14 (Thursdays)

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Veterans Community Park at 1895 Veterans Park Dr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$35 per child per six week session

Contact: (239) 566-2367 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Hip-Hop/Music Video Dance by Max Hasse Community Park

Info: For ages nine to 13; Kids learn hip-hop dance moves and create an awesome routine. Pre-registration is required.

Date: Jan. 11-Feb. 1, Feb. 8-29, March 7-28, Apr. 11-May 2, May 9-30 (Fridays)

Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m. for all sessions

Location: Max Hasse Community Park at 3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W., Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$55 for one four-week session

Contact: Michele Ryan (239) 262-1748 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Nature Tales by North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall

(recurring)

Info: Children and parents explore the wonderful world of plants and animals through story-telling, puppetry and arts and crafts. Open your child to the magic of learning.

Date: Jan. 16-March 19 (Wednesdays)

Time: 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: Nancy Olson at (239) 252-4060 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

NEW - KIDS Hands on Studio by Veterans Community Park

(recurring)

Info: Preschoolers experience activities, games and create projects to increase motor skills.

Date: For ages 3-5: March 3-Apr. 14 (Mondays); Apr. 10-May 15 (Thursdays)

Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Veterans Community Park at 1895 Veterans Park Dr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$35 per child per six week session

Contact: (239) 566-2367 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Youth Aerobics by Immokalee Sports Complex

Info: For ages 10 through 15 to help reduce obesity in youth, improve fitness and endurance

Date: Jan. 14-Feb. 13 (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location: Immokalee Sports Complex at 505 Escambia St., Immokalee, FLA.

Cost: \$20 for four weeks of classes

Contact: (239) 657-1951 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

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PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

Highlighted Attraction Proposed Constitutional Amendment Education By League of Women Voters

Info: League of Women Voters explains the proposed January Amendment.

Dates

Locations: Jan. 8, 2 p.m. at Headquarters Regional Library at 2385 Orange Blossom Dr., Naples, FLA.
Jan. 9, 2 p.m. at Naples Regional Library at 650 Central Ave., City of Naples, FLA.
Jan. 10, 10 a.m. at Golden Gate Branch Library at 4898 Coronado Parkway in Naples, FLA.
Jan. 11, 2 p.m. at Marco Island Branch Library at 210 S. Heathwood Dr. on Marco Island, FLA.
Jan. 12, 10 a.m. at Estates Branch Library at 1266 Golden Gate Blvd. W. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 593-0177 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

Domestic Animal Services Volunteer Orientation *(recurring)*

Info: For ages 15 and older, DAS staff trains you to become a volunteer who will make a lasting difference in animals' lives. Help market shelter pets to new families and more!

Date: Saturday, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and March 15

Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: Collier County Domestic Animal Services at 7610 Davis Blvd., Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 252-PETS (7387) or visit www.colliergov.net/pets

Team OCEAN Collier County Presentation by Marco Island Branch Library

Info: Team OCEAN is made up of several organizations including Rookery Bay and Collier County's Extension Services Department, who are focused on promoting responsible water recreation.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 15 and Thursday, March 20

Time: 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 and 6 p.m. on March 20

Location: Jan. 15 at Marco Island Branch Library at 210 Heathwood Dr. on Marco Island, FLA.
March 20 at Naples Regional Library at 650 Central Ave., City of Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 394-3272 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

A Closer Look At Shells *(recurring)*

Info: Learn the natural history of Florida's shells and mollusks on a beautiful picturesque walk.

Date: Jan. 7-May 27 (Mondays)

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Barefoot Beach Preserve Learning Center off Bonita Beach Road

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 254-4060 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Chess For Beginners & Then Some by North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall *(recurring)*

Info: Brian Sarasa, an A-Level Instructor with the U.S. Chess Federation, will teach you how to win at chess, competition level games and the basics for those who are beginners. For adults. Children age eight and older welcome with parents.

Date: Jan. 16-Feb. 20 (Wednesdays)

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$65 (includes Jan. 16 through Feb. 20)

Contact: Nancy Olson at (239) 254-4060 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

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Wetland Walk on Wheels by North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall *(recurring)*

Info: A six passenger club car takes visitors on a tour of a 90 acre preserve so you can learn about flora, fauna and Florida's wetland habitats. Reservations required.

Date: Jan. 16-May 14 (Wednesdays)

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: Nancy Olson at (239) 252-4024 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Garden Workshop Series by Collier County Extension Services *(recurring)*

Info: Master Gardeners with Extension Services host a workshop series every Thursday during the listed dates to educate individuals about landscaping and gardening. Learn new skills.

Date: Jan. 10 to March 13 (Thursdays)

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Naples Women's Club at 570 Park St. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 353-4244

Canoe Trip Through The Estuary by Collier County Parks and Recreation *(recurring)*

Info: Take a guided canoe trip through one of the most productive habitats and have family fun.

Date: Jan. 6-May 30 (Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays)

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Barefoot Beach Preserve off Bonita Beach Road

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 252-4060 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Walk in the Park by North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall *(recurring)*

Info: Take a tour of North Collier Regional Park's 90 acre preserve with a Park Ranger to learn about flora, fauna and Florida's wetland habitats. Reservations required.

Date: Jan. 26-May 29 (Saturdays)

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: Nancy Olson at (239) 252-4060 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Karen Harper Book Signing by East Naples Branch Library

Info: *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, Karen Harper, discusses her three romantic novels set in Southwest Florida. Book signing after presentation.

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 20

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: East Naples Branch Library at 8787 Tamiami Tr. E. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 775-5592 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

Famous Black Floridians by East Naples Branch Library

Info: Collier County Museum Curator of Education David Southall presents an informative program showcasing major contributions to Florida's culture and history by those of African ancestry.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 28

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: East Naples Branch Library at 8787 Tamiami Tr. E. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 775-5592 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

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**Discover Coastal Collier: A Marine Science Camp For Adults
by North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall**

Info: Camp isn't just for kids. Sign up for camp to learn about fish-printing, canoeing, trawling and other field-based marine science experiences. This is a fun, interactive camp. Feel young again and learn! For ages 18 and older.

Date: March 3-7 (Monday through Friday)

Time: 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: \$125 per camper

Contact: Nancy Olson at (239) 252-4024 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Fascinatin' Rhythm Concert by East Naples Branch Library

Info: The music of Gershwin and Ellington is presented with a live performance by concert vocalist Perley Rousseau and pianist Sonny Daye.

Date: Thursday, March 6

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: East Naples Branch Library at 8787 Tamiami Tr. E. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 775-5592 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

Immokalee Family Fun Series: Amazing World of Reptiles by Immokalee Branch Library

Info: Children and parents discover the fascinating world of reptiles with presenter John Storms.

Date: Thursday, March 6

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Immokalee Branch Library at 417 First St. N. in Immokalee, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 657-2882 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

NEW From the Commissioner's Viewpoint: Donna Fiala by East Naples Branch Library

Info: Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala will discuss the past and present of the East Naples area. She will also discuss her vision for East Naples future.

Date: Wednesday, March 12

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: East Naples Branch Library at 8787 Tamiami Tr. E. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 775-5592 or visit www.colliergov.net/library

EXERCISE CLASSES FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

Cycle Alley (Ages 16+)

(recurring)

Info: Get your heart pumping in this push-it-to-the-max exercise class. Stationary bikes are used for aerobic training to improve overall fitness – a popular class.

Date: Monday through Saturday

Time: 9:15 a.m. (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays), 5:30 p.m. (Tuesdays, Thursdays) and 6:30 p.m. (Mondays, Wednesdays)

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall at 15000 Livingston Rd.

Cost: \$7 per class or free with a RecPlex membership (memberships: \$300/year; \$100/3 months; \$35 monthly; student memberships range \$125 to \$165/year)

Contact: (239) 252-4066 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

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Zumba (Ages 13+)

Info: For exercise enthusiasts who like to have fun and dance! This fun dance, exercise class has taken America by storm – you won't want to stop dancing – steps are easy to learn.

Participants may be 13 years or older, however ages 13 and 14 require parent participation.

Date: Wednesdays (every week)

Time: 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Location: North Collier Regional Park RecPlex at 15000 Livingston Rd.

Cost: \$7 per class or free with a Max Hasse fitness membership (memberships: \$300/year; \$100/3 months; \$35 monthly; student memberships range \$125 to \$165/year)

Contact: (239) 252-4066 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Shape Up With Sharon by Housing & Human Services Dept. (Seniors only)

Info: For people 55 plus – class improves muscular strength

Date: Wednesdays and Fridays

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Location: East Naples Community Park at 3500 Thomasson Dr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 793-4414 or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

Water Arthritis Exercise

(Seniors only)

Info: For adults only with existing swimming skills to improve mobility in those with arthritis

Date: Jan. 8-Apr. 25 (Tuesdays and Fridays); Apr. 28-May 29 (Mondays and Thursdays)

Time: 11 a.m.-Noon (Jan. 8 session); 9-10 a.m. (April session)

Location: Golden Gate Aquatic & Fitness Facility at 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd.

Cost: \$1 donation required to Arthritis Foundation plus \$5 fee

Contact: (239) 353-7128 (Collier Parks Administration) or visit www.colliergov.net/parks

EXHIBITS BY COUNTY MUSEUMS

The Photographs of Clyde Butcher by Museum of the Everglades

Info: For all ages. Clyde Butcher was the first to capture the essence of the Everglades and has opened people's eyes to this important habitat.

Date: Jan. 2-Feb. 28

Time: Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Museum of the Everglades at 105 West Broadway in Everglades City, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 695-0008 or visit www.colliergov.net/museum

Capturing Paradise: The Watercolors of Ronald Shelley by Naples Depot

Info: For all ages. This collection features landscapes and other subjects depicting Florida and the Caribbean.

Date: Jan. 5-Apr. 5

Time: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Naples Depot at 101 Fifth Ave. S. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 262-6525 or visit www.colliergov.net/museum

Golf Swings by Collier County Museum

Info: For all ages. Learn about the history of golf and how this sport developed. View 100 rare artifacts on loan from the PGA. Activities planned around this exhibit also.

Date: Jan. 19-Apr. 19

Time: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Collier County Museum at 3301 E. Tamiami Tr. in Naples, FLA.

Cost: Free

Contact: (239) 252-8476 or visit www.colliergov.net/museum