



DIVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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WINTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS (MARCH-MAY)

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)*

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 of Gary Allan, Mark Wills, Rockie Lynne and Keith Anders. Includes a Chili cook off and Miss Little Country Jam Pageant. Registrations for the cook off and pageant Are now open and may be done at countryjamnaples.com.

Date: Saturday, March 8

Time: 2-10 p.m.

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

Cost: Saturday concert, advanced tickets purchased by Feb. 29 cost \$20; At gate, \$25

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

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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 Kids Program

Camp Collier Summer Camp by Collier County Parks and Recreation

Info: Elementary Camps and Middle School Camps accommodate children in grades K through 5 and six through eight respectively. Camp Collier will focus on learning campers' favorite books, games and ways to have fun. Sign up begins Apr. 2.
Date: June 2-Aug. 1
Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; *care available 7-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. for additional fee.*
Location: All Collier County Community Parks and some school locations
Cost: \$600 first child and \$540 for additional siblings; *cost for extended care is \$15 per week per child*
Contact: (239) 252-4000 or to register and pay online visit www.colliergov.net/parks

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

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: 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

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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: 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: Wednesdays through March

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

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

Highlighted Attraction 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, March 15, April 19, May 10, June 21 and July 19

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

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A Closer Look At Shells

(recurring)

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

Date: Thursdays through May 29

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

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: Wednesdays through May

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 – you can still come to remaining workshops

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: Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays through May

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: 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

**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

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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

Zumba (Ages 13+)

(recurring)

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

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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

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