



What to do the week of Oct. 14-20, 2019

Dear Industry Partners -

Each Monday, the [Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau](#) provides our industry partners with a look at events happening on [The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel](#). Please let your guests know “What to do” to help them enjoy their stay at our destination.

THIS WEEK: Click here to download a printable event listing of this week’s events for your guests.

OFF THE BEACH: Click here to download a comprehensive list of things do to when it’s not a beach day.

FARM FRESH: Click here to download a listing of farmers markets in Lee County.

DRINK LOCAL: Click here to download a listing of craft breweries and distilleries in Lee County.

You can submit event listings for consideration to [Miriam Dotson](#), VCB communications coordinator. The deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday before the Monday publication. Thank you!

Otocast app, public arts self-guided walking tour, Fort Myers

Download the app – Discover local public art, historic sites, murals and landmarks with Otocast. Listen to a custom audio guide for fun and engaging information on points of interest in Fort Myers and other cities. The app finds guides close to your location, provides details, links to websites, videos and photo galleries.

Free, download Otocast through iOS or Google Play, [Otocast.com](#)

Lakes Park Fall Festival, Lakes Park, Fort Myers

Through Oct. 27 – This fall festival features scarecrows, hayrides, spooky train rides, Halloween-themed bounce houses and more. Vote for your favorite scarecrow at the 10th annual “Scarecrows in the Park” competition or hop a ride on the Halloween Express Train ride. The Halloween Express Train runs through Oct. 31

\$3 for parking, 6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, 239-533-7575

‘Rauschenberg 40’ exhibit, FSW, Fort Myers

Through Dec. 14 – Florida SouthWestern State College celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery with a major solo exhibition of world-renowned artist and longtime late Lee County resident, Bob Rauschenberg. The pieces are drawn from several local collections and include original paintings.

Free, gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Florida SouthWestern State College, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, 239-489-9313, rauschenberggallery.com

Nature & sea life cruise, Tarpon Bay Explorers, Sanibel

Daily – Enjoy a naturalist-led excursion through Tarpon Bay, located in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Look for manatees, dolphins, birds and more.

\$23 adults, \$15 children, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, reservations recommended, Tarpon Bay Explorers, 900 Tarpon Bay Road, Sanibel, 239-472-8900, tarponbayexplorers.com

Everglades ecotour, Everglades Day Safari, from Fort Myers

Daily – Take a naturalist-guided day trip into the Everglades. Enjoy an amazing wildlife adventure aboard an airboat, a wildlife drive through Big Cypress National Preserve, a nature walk through a cypress forest and a boat cruise in the mangrove forest. Lunch included.

Reservations required. \$165, 7:30 a.m.-5:15 p.m. from Fort Myers, 239-472-1559, ecosafari.com

Sailing lesson, Offshore Sailing School, Captiva

Daily – Sailing lessons and certification courses available from Captiva, Fort Myers Beach and Cape Coral. Instructors are U.S. Sailing certified. Children ages seven and older are welcome with adults.

\$300 for two participants together for two hours, reservations required, Offshore Sailing School, call 239-454-1700 or 800-221-4326 for availability at all locations, offshoresailing.com

Shell crafting, Sanibel Community House, Sanibel

Mondays – Shell crafting lessons are held for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. Shell crafters are on site for visitors to spend as much time as they want to learn, view and purchase. Cost includes materials used, such as glue, shells, wire, etc.

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net

Wildlife Walk, CROW, Sanibel

Monday-Friday – Take a walk on the wild side and meet some of the fascinating wildlife CROW supports. On the guided hospital tour, visitors will be able to take a peek into

wildlife rehabilitation and meet the staff. Tour includes admission to the visitor education center and presentation.

\$25, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, reservations required, 239-472-3644, crowclinic.org

Shangri-La experience lunch and tour, Shangri-La Springs, Bonita Springs

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – Take a stroll through the certified organic garden or learn the history of those who once walked the magical grounds of this 8.5-acre property. After experiencing the garden, enjoy a farm-to-table lunch from the property’s organic restaurant.

Reservations required, \$38 per person, garden tour at 10 a.m., historic tour at 11 a.m. Shangri-La Springs, 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, shangrilasprings.com

‘Always ... Patsy Cline,’ Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers

Oct. 15-20, 22-27, 29-31, Nov. 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, 19-24 – Patsy Cline’s legendary voice and rise to stardom took America by storm and, in this loving tribute, her story comes from her biggest fan and unlikely friend, Louise Seger. This musical tribute features all of her most-beloved songs, including “Crazy,” “Walkin’ After Midnight,” “I Fall to Pieces” and more.

Ticket prices and times vary, Florida Repertory Theatre, 2268 Bay St., downtown Fort Myers, 239-332-4488, floridarep.org

Working Waterfront Tours, The Ostego Bay Foundation, Fort Myers Beach

Wednesdays – Tours provide an up close and personal look at the shrimping industry plus a visit to the Marine Science Center Museum.

\$20 adults; \$10 children over 6, 9 a.m.-noon, Ostego Bay Foundation, 718 Fisherman’s Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, 239-765-8101, ostegobay.org/waterfront-tours

Crafts for kids, Miromar Outlets, Estero

Wednesdays – Toddlers to age 12 can participate in fun activities at WINK Playland.

Free, 10 a.m.-noon, Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero, 239-948-3766, miromaroutlets.com

Haunted History Tour and River District History Tour, downtown Fort Myers

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – The Haunted History Tour is a paranormal tour of historic downtown Fort Myers. The tour acquaints visitors with the colorful personalities of the founders of Fort Myers. Reservations required.

\$14, Haunted History Tour, 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays; \$13, River District History Tour, 6 p.m. Thursdays and 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. All True Tours Historical Walking Tours begin and end at the Franklin Shops, 2200 First St., downtown Fort Myers, 239-945-0405, truetours.net

Punkin'palooza, Fleamasters Fleamarket, Fort Myers

Oct. 18-20 – Celebrate fall with pony rides, a pumpkin patch and a petting zoo. The event also features free entertainment, shopping and pumpkin painting.

Free, 9 a.m. -5 p.m., Fleamasters Fleamarket, 4135 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-337-5513, fleamall.com

Fall Festival, Southern Fresh Farms, Fort Myers

Oct. 19-20, 26-27 – Celebrate the season every weekend in October with hayrides, pumpkin picking, food trucks and a barnyard petting zoo.

Free, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Southern Fresh Farms, 8500 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-768-0309, Facebook: Southern Fresh Farms and Crazy Dingo Brewing Co.

Spooktacular Drink & Treat Trolley Event, South Cape Coral

Oct. 19 – Ride trolleys throughout South Cape Coral and stop at 12 places to enjoy spooky drink samples and candy. Dressing up is not required but there will be a costume photo contest.

\$19, 7-11 p.m., check-in at Big John's Plaza and in front of Dixie Roadhouse in downtown Cape Coral, Facebook: South Cape Hospitality and Entertainment Associations

ZOOMtacular Halloween, Zoomers, Fort Myers

Oct. 19 – Celebrate Halloween early with family-friendly costume contests, prizes, scavenger hunts and more.

\$15 wristbands all day, 4-10 p.m., Zoomers, 17455 Summerlin Road, Fort Myers, 239-481-9666, zoomersfun.com

Italian Fest 2019, Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers

Oct. 20 – Join in on great entertainment, raffles, games for kids and adults as well as plenty of food including the spaghetti-eating contest.

Free, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lee County Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-332-8158