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What To Do the week of Dec. 6-12, 2021

Each Monday, the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) lets you know What To Do in Lee County.

Let us know: Events, along with high-res images, can be submitted for consideration by emailing <u>Jackie Parker</u>, VCB communications manager. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday. Thank you!

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Monday, Dec. 6

TGIM, Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center, Fort Myers Live independent film screenings at "Thank God it's Monday" event every first Monday of the month during season. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., screenings start at 7 p.m. Sidney & Berne Davis Arts Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers, 239-333-1933, <u>sbdac.com/thank-god-its-</u> <u>monday-dec-2021</u>



<u>Tuesday, Dec. 7</u>

Holiday in the Park, Bonita Springs

The event will include a tree lighting, the arrival of Santa, activities for kids, music and food and beverages. 4:30-

6:30 p.m. Tuesday. *Riverside Park, 10450 Reynolds St., Bonita Springs, 239-949-6262, <u>cityofbonitasprings.org</u>*



Wednesday, Dec. 8

Letters to Santa, Lakes Park, Fort Myers

The farmers market at Lakes Park will be a drop-off site for letters to Santa. Children are invited to deliver their letters into a special mailbox. The Holiday Express Train will run Dec. 10-30. *Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, 239-533-7575, <u>Facebook</u> <u>@lakesparkfarmersmarket</u>*



<u>Thursday, Dec. 9</u>

Laser shows, Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium, Fort Myers

Jam out as your favorite music merges with mesmerizing laser visuals. 3:30 p.m. kids shows, 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. evening shows, Dec. 9-12, 16-19, \$10 adults, \$5 kids. Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium, 3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers, 239-275-3435, <u>calusanature.org</u>



Friday, Dec. 10

Burroughs Home and Langford-Kingston Holiday House

Holiday House celebrates its 65th year with the two historic homes decorated by members of the Fort Myers Woman's Community Club. Tour hours are 5-9 p.m., Dec. 10-22, \$5 admission. Burroughs Home & Gardens, 2505 First St., Fort Myers, 239-337-9505, burroughshome.com/tours/holiday-house



Saturday, Dec. 11

Art Divine Holiday Sale-Nothing over \$150, Fort Myers Beach Art Association & Gallery

The popular art sale opens Saturday and the public is also invited to attend the reception and celebration, from 4-6 p.m. Dec. 15, featuring artist demos, refreshments and a kids creation station. *Fort Myers Beach Art Association & Gallery, 3030 Shell Mound Blvd., Fort Myers Beach, gallery hours 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 239-463-3909, fortmyersbeachart.com*

Fandom Fest, Fort Myers Regional Library plaza

Fandom Fest, a free, all-ages celebration of geek and pop culture, noon-4 p.m. Saturday features cosplay



contests prizes, K-Pop dance tutorials with Residance, tech demos, DIY makerspaces and more. Live performances on the amphitheater will include EDM remixes of anime music by dj-Jo and Japanese drumming by Tampa Taiko. Fave fandom characters will be there too. *Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First St., Fort Myers, 239-533-4600,* <u>leegov.com/library/fandom-fest</u>



Sunday, Dec. 12

Cape Coral Cars and Coffee

Come see some of Southwest Florida's finest cars and motorcycles. Enjoy coffee, music, raffles and over 300 cars. 9 a.m.-noon. *Cape Coral Cars and Coffee, 2354 Surfside Blvd., Cape Coral, Facebook:* <u>@capecoralcarsandcoffee</u>

Ongoing events



Holiday Nights, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers

The 46th annual Holiday Nights includes thousands of lights, historic decorations, new light displays, visits with Santa, carolers, refreshments, family science shows and more. Open nightly through Jan. 2, self-guided tours, 5:30-9 p.m., \$20 adults; guided tours, at 6 and 7 p.m., \$30 adults. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, edisonfordwinterestates.org*



Free class, supplies cost between \$3-\$5 and the shell crafters will help you make something special. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., class begins at 10 a.m. *The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, 239-472-2155, sanibelcommunityhouse.net*

Mondays with the Shell Crafters, Sanibel Island



Working waterfront tours of San Carlos Island shrimp fleet, Ostego Bay Foundation, Fort Myers Beach Tours offered from 9 a.m.-noon Wednesdays give a close-up view of the shrimping industry, plus a visit to the Marine Science Center Museum. \$20 adults, \$10 children. Reservations required. Ostego Bay Foundation, 718 Fishermans Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, 239-765-8101, ostegobay.org



Wednesday guided walks, San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve

Free guided beach walks at 9 a.m. will continue through the end of April 2022. The 718-acre property is an Old Florida natural tidal wetland that ranges from a sandy beach to mangrove forests to salt flats and wildlife. Parking is \$2 an hour and the meeting point for the walks will be the southernmost end of John Morris Road in the parking lot. San Carlos Bay Bunche Beach Preserve, 18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers, 239-533-7275, <u>leegov.com/parks</u>



Saturday coffee roasting demonstration at Dean Street Coffee Roastery, Fort Myers

Enjoy an informal talk with the master roaster and see a live, free demonstration of the coffee roasting process. 10 a.m. Saturdays. *Dean Street Coffee Roastery, Luminary Hotel & Co., 2200 Edwards Drive, Fort Myers, 239-314-3853, <u>luminaryhotel.com/taste</u>*

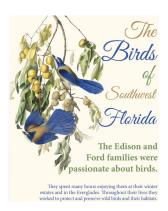
Art exhibits



Sunday garden tours at Manatee Park, Fort Myers

A volunteer naturalist leads the tours and participants can learn about the park's history and the native flora and fauna that reside in some of Florida's habitats. Optimum viewing for the Florida manatee is between the months of December through March. 9 a.m. Sundays through March 2022. Tours meet behind the welcome center. Free with paid parking. *Manatee Park, 10901 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-533-7275,*





The Birds of Southwest Florida

See bird illustrations by John James Audubon in the Caretaker's House. Included with admission, runs through mid-January. *Edison and Ford Winter Estates,* 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-334-7419, <u>edisonfordwinterestates.org</u>

Live theater



Alliance for the Arts

- "The Roommate," Dec. 9-12, 16-19
- "Small works off the wall" exhibit, Dec. 10

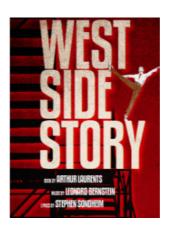
- Free family art labs, Dec. 11
- Disability Inclusion Celebration Day, Dec. 11
- Outdoor bluegrass concert, Bear Hill Bluegrass and Justin Mason & Blue Night, Dec. 12

Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-939-2787, <u>artinlee.org</u>

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre

- "Holly Jolly Christmas," Dec. 7-12, 14-19, 21-23, 25
- "No Claus for Alarm," Dec. 7-12, 14-19, 21-23, 25
- "The Nutcracker," Children's Theatre, Dec. 7, 10, 12, 14, 17-18, 21, 24

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-278-4422, <u>broadwaypalm.com</u>



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Florida Rep

• "West Side Story," Dec. 7-12, 14-15

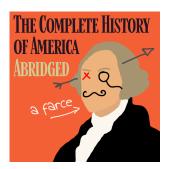
Florida Rep, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488, <u>floridarep.org</u>



Fort Myers Theatre

"A Christmas Carol," Dec. 10-12, 15-19

Fort Myers Theatre, 16120 San Carlos Blvd, #5, Fort Myers, 239-323-6570, <u>ftmyerstheatre.com</u>



The Laboratory Theater of Florida

• "The Complete History of America (abridged)" Dec. 9-11, 16-18

The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers, 239-218-0481, <u>laboratorytheaterflorida.com</u>



Murder Mystery Dinner Train

"Wicked Winter Wonderland," Dec. 8-12, 15-19, 22-24

Murder Mystery Dinner Train, 2805 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-275-8487, <u>semgulf.com</u>



Players Circle Theater

• "Jingle Bell Jubilee," Dec. 8-13, 15-19

Players Circle Theater, 16554 North Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers, 239-800-3292, <u>playerscircletheater.com</u>

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