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Lee County operations make adjustments for Independence Day

Fort Myers, FL, July 3, 2018 – The Fourth of July holiday will result in some closures and schedule changes for Lee County operations. Lee County offices will be open for regular business hours Tuesday, July 3. The following are adjustments due to Independence Day falling on Wednesday:

Solid Waste

All garbage, recycling and yard waste collections in unincorporated Lee County, the City of Bonita Springs, the Village of Estero and the Town of Fort Myers Beach will take place one day after the regularly scheduled collection day for the entire week beginning July 4. This means that if the regular collection day is Wednesday, the collection truck will pick up that material on Thursday. Thursday's regularly scheduled pickups will occur on Friday and so on, the rest of the week through Saturday. This schedule is in effect through Saturday, July 7. Regular collection schedules resume on Monday, July 9.

Lee County Solid Waste facilities and offices are closed Independence Day, including the Household Chemical Waste Collection Facility, 6441 Topaz Court, and the Resource Recovery Facility on Buckingham Road.

The Solid Waste Division urges all residents to recycle the plastic, metal and glass from their Independence Day celebrations.

Parks & Recreation

Lee County's parks, pools and preserves remain open on Independence Day. Offices and recreation centers are closed on the holiday and will reopen Thursday, July 5.

LeeTran

LeeTran will not run regular bus or paratransit service on the holiday, but will provide trolley transportation to and around Fort Myers Beach, as well as trolley service through the Downtown Fort Myers River District.

The Beach Park & Ride Trolley will run every 50 minutes starting at 7 a.m. at the free parking lot on Summerlin Square Drive. It will travel back and forth to Bowditch Point Park, with the last drop-off on the mainland at 12:15 a.m. The Beach Trolley will start service at 6:45 a.m. at Bowditch Park, running every 30 minutes to Lovers Key State Park. Service will end at 11:40 p.m. at Bowditch Park.

The Downtown Trolley will run every 25 minutes between 6:05 p.m. and 10:35 p.m., traveling along the seasonal route of the Blue Line, which runs from the Oasis Condominiums through downtown to McGregor Boulevard and West First Street.

Libraries

All library locations will be closed on Independence Day; branches will resume regular operating hours on Thursday, July 5.

Animal Services

Animal Services, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, will be closed for the holiday and will resume normal business hours on Thursday, July 5.

Lee County Utilities

The customer service center will be closed on the holiday.

Cape Coral Bridge

Cape Coral's Red, White and Boom celebration will close the Cape Coral Bridge from 3 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, through 3 a.m. Thursday, July 5.

Motorists are encouraged to use the Midpoint Memorial Bridge or the U.S. 41 and Business 41 bridges as alternate routes. Lee County Department of Transportation has placed message boards for motorists and will keep them in place through the holiday and the closing.