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## What To Do the week of Dec. 13-19, 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 [Jackie Parker](#), VCB communications manager. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday before the week of publication. Thank you!

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### Monday, Dec. 13

**Films for Film Lovers, Center for the Arts, Bonita Springs**

"Maiden," a British documentary about a grueling



yachting competition and an all-female crew, will be featured this week. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., film begins at 7 p.m. \$10. *Center for the Performing Arts Moe Auditorium & Film Center, 10150 Bonita Beach Road SE, Bonita Springs, 239-495-8989, [artcenterbonita.org](http://artcenterbonita.org)*



## **Tuesday, Dec. 14**

### **Songwriters on the Plaza, Fort Myers Regional Library, Fort Myers**

Ray Cerbone, Robert Bidney and Kip Lawrence will perform at this free acoustic performance in the amphitheater on Cornog Plaza near the library, 6-8 p.m. The Lee County Library has partnered with the Americana Community Music Association to offer this showcase. *Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First St., Fort Myers, 239-691-4069, [ftmyerssanibel.com/event](http://ftmyerssanibel.com/event)*



## **Wednesday, Dec. 15**

### **Mangroves by kayak tour, Mound House, Fort Myers Beach**

Explore the winding mangrove creeks and hidden waters of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve on this guided tour. Ages 12 and up, 9 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday, reservations required, \$45 (no programs Dec. 23-25 & Dec. 30-Jan. 1). *Mound House 451 Connecticut St., Fort Myers, 239-765-0865, [moundhouse.org](http://moundhouse.org)*



## **Thursday, Dec. 16**

### **Youth Holiday Festival, Bay Oaks, Fort Myers Beach**

The Youth Holiday Festival, 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday is for ages 5 to 13. Refreshments, games, holiday art, gingerbread making, movies and a gift-wrapping contest will be part of the fun. \$5. *Bay Oaks Recreational Campus, 2731 Oak St., Fort Myers Beach, 239-980-8021, [Facebook: bay.oaksFMB](https://www.facebook.com/bay.oaksFMB)*



## **Friday, Dec. 17**

### **City of Palms Classic, Suncoast Credit Union Arena, FSWSC, Fort Myers**

An elite field of 26 high school basketball teams will play in the 48th City of Palms Classic. The six-day tournament is known as the premier tournament in the country. First game starts at 2 p.m. Friday. Ticket prices vary. *City of Palms Classic, Suncoast Credit Union Arena, Florida SouthWestern State College, 13351 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers, [cityofpalmsclassic.com](http://cityofpalmsclassic.com)*



### **Clydesdales visit Shell Factory, North Fort Myers**

The majestic Budweiser Clydesdales visit Shell Factory Nature Park, 2-3:30 p.m. Friday. *Shell Factory Nature Park, 16554 N. Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers, 239-995-2141, [Facebook: shellfactorynaturepark](https://www.facebook.com/shellfactorynaturepark).*

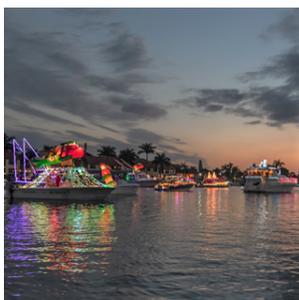
The eight-horse hitch will also make an appearance at Miromar Outlets, 5-7:30 p.m. Sunday, near the northwest parking lot. *Miromar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Road, Estero, 239-948-3766, [miromaroutlets.com](http://miromaroutlets.com)*



## **Saturday, Dec. 18**

### **Storytime with Edison Elves, Edison Mall, Fort Myers**

Santa has adopted two wonderful elves to help share the holiday spirit with one and all. Let's share in the holiday spirit and listen to some tales from Saint Nick himself. Register for this free event. *Edison Mall, 4125 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, 239-939-5464, [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)*



### **Boat-A-Long parade, Four Freedoms Park, Cape Coral**

Cape Coral's 45th annual Holiday Boat-A-Long will be from 4-10 p.m. Saturday. The event will include entertainment, food trucks, crafts for the kids and a visit from Santa Claus. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free movie, "The Santa Clause," after the boat

parade. *Four Freedoms Park, 4818 Tarpon Court, Cape Coral, 239-573-3122, [capecoral.gov](http://capecoral.gov)*



## **Sunday, Dec. 19**

### **Holiday outdoor movie double feature, "Elf" and "Christmas Vacation," Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers**

Pack your lawn chair and blankets for a merry little movie night. "Elf" starts at 6 p.m. and "Christmas Vacation" starts at 8 p.m. Tickets \$10 for Alliance members, \$12 for nonmembers. No coolers. *Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-939-2787, [artinlee.org/doublefeature](http://artinlee.org/doublefeature)*

## **Ongoing events**



### **Holiday Nights, Edison and Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers**

The 46<sup>th</sup> 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](http://edisonfordwinterestates.org)*



### **Mondays with the Shell Crafters, Sanibel Island**

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](http://sanibelcommunityhouse.net)*



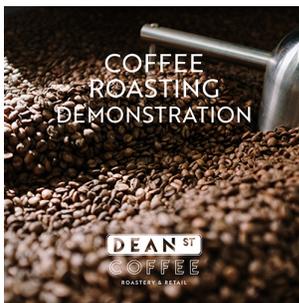
### **Working waterfront tours of San Carlos Island shrimp fleet, Ostego Bay Foundation, Fort Myers Beach**

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](http://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, [leegov.com/parks](http://leegov.com/parks)



### **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, [luminaryhotel.com/taste](http://luminaryhotel.com/taste)

## **Art exhibits**

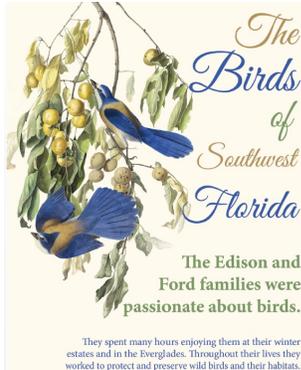


### **Sunday garden tours at Manatee Park, Fort Myers**

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,*

[leegov.com/parks/parks/manateepark](http://leegov.com/parks/parks/manateepark)



### **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,*

[edisonfordwinterestates.org](http://edisonfordwinterestates.org)

## **Performing arts**



### **Alliance for the Arts**

- "The Roommate," Dec. 16-19
- Outdoor bluegrass concert with Bear Hill Bluegrass and Justin Mason and Blue Night, Dec. 12

*Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-939-2787, [artinlee.org](http://artinlee.org)*



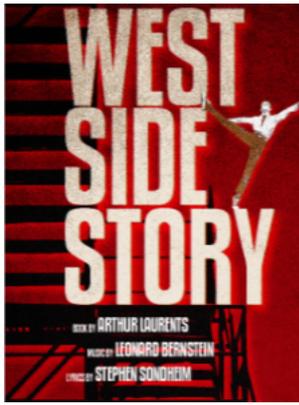
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### **Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre**

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

*Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-278-4422, [broadwaypalm.com](http://broadwaypalm.com)*

### **Florida Rep**



- "West Side Story," Dec. 14-15

Florida Rep, 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers, 239-332-4488,  
[floridarep.org](http://floridarep.org)



### Fort Myers Theatre

"A Christmas Carol," Dec. 15-19

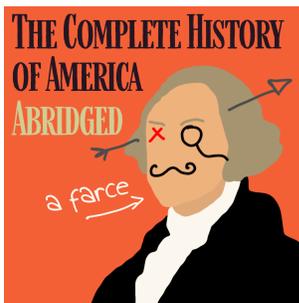
Fort Myers Theatre, 16120 San Carlos Blvd, #5, Fort  
Myers, 239-323-6570, [ftmyerstheatre.com](http://ftmyerstheatre.com)



### Gulf Coast Symphony

- Holiday Jazz at the MACC, Dec. 16
- Holiday Music at the MACC, Dec. 17-18

Music & Arts Community Center, 13411 Shire Lane, Fort  
Myers, 239-277-1700 Ext. 108, [gulfcoastsymphony.org](http://gulfcoastsymphony.org)



### The Laboratory Theater of Florida

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

The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave.,  
Fort Myers, 239-218-0481, [laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://laboratorytheaterflorida.com)



### Murder Mystery Dinner Train

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

Murder Mystery Dinner Train, 2805 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, 239-275-8487, [semgulf.com](http://semgulf.com)



## Players Circle Theater

- "Jingle Bell Jubilee," Dec. 15-19

Players Circle Theater, 16554 North Cleveland Ave., North Fort Myers, 239-800-3292, [playerscircletheater.com](http://playerscircletheater.com)

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