

# LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



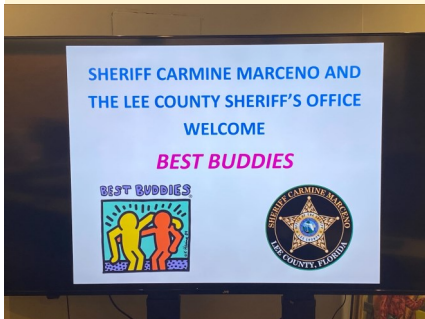
## Community Outreach Newsletter



MARCH 2024 EDITION

### "BEST BUDDIES" MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

The "Best Buddies" are, just that, best buddies to us all at the Lee County Sheriff's Office. Each year, both organizations join forces to conduct fun and educational events both out in the community and at LCSO Community Outreach Centers.



The Best Buddies crew walked throughout the outlets distributing colorfully beaded necklaces to

shoppers, guests and store staff.

An excellent pizza lunch was generously donated by Luigi's Pizza é Pasta of Miromar Outlets.

For more information regarding the Best Buddies program, please visit [bestbuddies.org](http://bestbuddies.org).

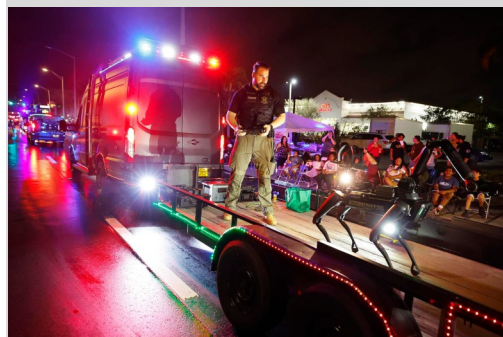


### 86TH ANNUAL EDISON FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Seven years following the death of Thomas Alva Edison, it was decided that homage needed to be paid to the man who held over 1,000 patents...including his invention of the light bulb.



Beginning in 1938, an enormous parade, band concert and memorial service was held in the inventor's honor.



Each year, the Lee County Sheriff's Office brings assets and staff to join in on the fun!



## “THE SOUND OF THE BAT IS THE MUSIC OF SPRING”

The sheriff made his way around the field at the Lee Health Sports Complex prior to the exhibition game between the Minnesota Twins and the New York Yankees.

Sheriff Carmine Marceno found time to chat with many of the Minnesota Twins, the New York Yankees and made certain to engage



with many of the fans present at the game.

Third Base Coach Tommy Watkins got behind the plate to receive the first pitch, thrown by Sheriff Carmine Marceno.

Joining the sheriff on the field was Robbie the Robodog who appeared to enjoy the freshly cut grass and open space.

Robbie’s job, for the day, was to hand the sheriff the ball prior to the first pitch.

“Today’s first pitch at the Minnesota Twins vs Yankees spring training game was amazing! Lee County truly has the best residents and visitors,” remarked Sheriff Marceno. “I’m honored to have been chosen to throw

the first pitch with Robbie the Robodog!”

Both the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox call Lee County “home” for their Spring training games and the Lee County Sheriff’s Office works diligently to ensure a fun and safe environment for spring baseball.

The Twins will conclude their 2024 Spring Training season on March 26 as they take on the Atlanta Braves at 1:05 pm.

The Red Sox, who play at JetBlue Park on Daniels Parkway, will



complete their 2024 Spring Training schedule on Sunday, March

24th...also against the Atlanta Braves.

As always, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office thanks both the Minnesota Twins and the Boston Red Sox for allowing us to be a part of each year’s Spring Training.





## HUGE TURNOUT AT "BUNNY FEST"

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Outreach Center at Miromar Outlets was certainly hoppin'.



Southwest Florida House Rabbit Rescue brought a fluffe of bunnies and well over one hundred guests, children, store staff and tourists came to play with them!

Arts & crafts tables were set up and children created rabbit-related works of art including bunny masks.

The smiling faces illuminated the room as children sat inside the rabbit pens and handled the furry fellas.



Lunch was generously provided by Luigi's Pizza É Pasta and LCSO staff served up freshly-popped corn to the children.



For additional information regarding Southwest Florida House Rabbit Rescue, please visit their Facebook page or visit their

website at [respectforrabbits.org/](http://respectforrabbits.org/).

## CITIZENS ACADEMY

Always a favorite among residents, the 12-week Citizens Academy introduces participants to major components of



the Lee County Sheriff's Office including, but not limited to, our Aviation Unit, Major Crimes Unit, Public Information Office, Corrections Division, K9 Unit and Bomb Squad.

In this photo, Lieutenant Richard Castellon discusses the many facets of the Animal Cruelty Task Force. And, when Lieutenant Castellon is present, our furry Lieutenant Hope is never far behind.



## THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IS A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY.

DRIVE CAUTIOUSLY AROUND SCHOOL ZONES, SCHOOL BUSES AND CROSSWALKS!

WE'RE WATCHING...



For the latest LCSO information...news...events...safety and security information, follow us on any or all of our social media platforms!



# *Sheriff Carmine Marceno* *Presents* **Tour Beyond The Doors**

An in-depth look at how we are  
keeping paradise safe!



- **Real Time Intelligence Center**
- **911 Call Center**
- **LCSO Assets Experience**
- **Open To The Public**
- **Registration Required**
- **Limited Availability**

**April 2, 2024**  
**9:00am - 11:00am**

**[www.sheriffleefl.org](http://www.sheriffleefl.org)**  
**239-477-1CRU**

**14750 Six Mile Cypress Parkway**  
**Fort Myers, FL 33912**





**THE LANDINGS YACHT, GOLF & TENNIS CLUB  
12TH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Residents of The Landings Yacht, Golf & Tennis Club, along with their guests, had an opportunity to enjoy a day of music, classic cars and food at their 12th Annual Music Festival.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit and Ice Cream Response Team were both on-hand to share in the festivities.

Vendors representing local businesses and interests set up tents and shared information with residents and guests.

As always, the Lee County Sheriff's Office is grateful to join in on local events and spend the day with county residents.



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**"PUPCHELLA"**

Our friends at Bell Tower orchestrated a wonderful canine event, "Pupchella," for Lee County residents, guests and tourists...and furry folks, of course.

Bell Tower, always canine-friendly, hosts numerous events to benefit local shelters.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit joined vendors for an afternoon of music, ax-throwing and ice cream...including "pup-cups" for the canines!



**CAFÉ AVEC UN FLIC**

Pardon our French!

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Cape Harbour Community Outreach Center held a "Coffee with a Cop"

event at "The French Press" located at 5789 Cape Harbour Drive in Cape Coral.



Over 50 guests stopped by to chat over café, inquired about LCSO programs and shared thoughts with deputies and LCSO Community Outreach Unit staff.

Special thanks to "The French Press" for hosting this fun and informative event.



The Lee County Sheriff's Office  
invites you to join us for a



## "LUNCH & LEARN"



with the  
**Sally J. Pimentel**  
**Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center**

### Learn about:

- Sign Language Interpreting Services
- Free Telephone Equipment Loan Program
- Deaf Mentor & Education Program
- (ASL) American Sign Language Classes
- Information/Referral Services
- Outreach Presentations
- Employment Assistance
- Visual Communication Center
- Advocacy
- Adaptive Equipment Sales & Training
- Volunteer Opportunities

**Where:** Lee County Sheriff's  
Office Community Outreach  
Center at Miromar Outlets  
10801 Corkscrew Road, Suite 190,  
Miromar Outlets, Estero

**When:** Thursday, March 21, 2024  
11:30 am until 1:00 pm

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## AFCAAM KIDS RECEIVE BICYCLES FROM BIKES FOR TYKES, LCSO

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit worked together with our friends at "Bikes for Tykes" to sweeten Valentine's Day for the children at the African Caribbean American Catholic Center in Fort Myers.



A total of 22 bicycles were assembled and delivered to the Catholic Charities facility.

## JUNIOR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE

Prior to the actual "Grand Parade of Light," the "Junior Festival of Light Parade" showcases some of Lee County's most talented, community-orientated youngsters.



Marching bands, floats, street performers, dignitaries and LCSO Explorers line the parade route and greet parade watchers.

Prior to the parade, the Junior Edison Light "Fun Run" was held. Grades four and five ran one mile, third graders ran a 1200 meter race and first and second

graders competed in an 800-meter sprint.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response team was on-hand for this 86th year of celebration and shared LCSO swag with guests, as well as provided bottled water for runners and parade-goers.



## SHIVER ME TIMBERS, YOU SCALLYWAGS!

4KIDS, a remarkable organization assisting children and families involved in the Dependency system, invited the Lee County Sheriff's Office Community Response Unit to partake in their pirate-themed picnic at Lakes Park.



The LCSO Ice Cream Response Team made certain that all lads, lass and lassies enjoyed a cold treat, serving ice cream cones to all.

Guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue, a bounce house and face-painting.

## RESIDENT APPRECIATION DAY



It was "Resident Appreciation Day" at the Southern Pines community in Bonita Springs and the Lee County Sheriff's Office was on-hand to greet the residents.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Ice Cream Response Team served well over 350 ice cream cones and staff officers

chatted with residents regarding a host of issues.

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