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## **June Special Events and Activities happening at Town Facilities**

**Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL** – The Town will be hosting various special events and activities at different facilities throughout the month of June. Please see below for details:

### Mound House

#### *Special Events:*

**First Friday** – June 7, 2024, 9:00am - 4:00pm

FREE

Start the month off right with FREE ADMISSION to the museum and a day filled with FREE family activities. More tours, more programs, more fun!

**Lecture Series: "Before was then, now is now"** – June 11, 6:00pm, Doors open at 5:30pm

FEE: Mound House Members-\$5, Non-Members- \$10

Join us for this presentation on the history of the LGBTQ community in Southwest Florida from longtime resident Arlene Goldberg, Board member of Visuality, Inc. and Founder and Board member of SW Florida Harmony Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Goldberg has won multiple awards for her work including Equality Florida's 2014 "Voice for Equality award, PRIDE SW Florida Inc.'s Goldberg Award for outstanding leadership in the LGBTQ community in 2016, and the Rotary South's Four-Way Test Award. She was the plaintiff in ACLU's federal same sex marriage lawsuit that legalized marriage for Florida in 2015. She was issued the first legal document (Death Certificate) for a same sex married couple in Florida and was the first same sex marriage recognized by the State of Florida. In 2020, she published memoir titled "Simple Human Dignity: My Life, my Wife, our Story".

## **History at the Beach - June 28, 2024, 10:00am**

Cost: FREE

Embark on an exciting beach tour highlighting coastal sea life and Calusa history. Explore the shoreline's lifeforms and ancient artifact replicas that offer a glimpse into the region's past. We will meet at Beach Access 22 at Estero Boulevard and Connecticut Street.

*Programs:*

### **Kayak Tours**

Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00am-11:00am

FEE: Mound House Members: \$20, Non-Members: \$50

Explore the winding mangrove creeks and go places only a kayak can go on this guided eco-tour of Estero Bay. This beginner friendly tour allows you to experience and learn more about the natural beauty of a mangrove estuary and the history of the area. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines. All paddling and kayak safety equipment are provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. Maximum of 12 paddlers per tour. Shoes required; water strongly recommended. Book on [www.MoundHouse.org](http://www.MoundHouse.org).

### **Shell Mound Tours**

Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00am-10:30am, 12:00pm-12:30pm, 2:00pm-2:30pm

FEE: Mound House Members: Free, Non-Members: \$5 + Museum Admission (see below for admission pricing)

Adult Admission: \$15.00,

Students with college ID: \$8.00

Children age 6-12 years of age: \$5.00

Mound House Members and Children 5 years of age and younger are free.

- Museums for All Member. SNAP recipient receive free museum admission for up to four (4) people per SNAP Card.
- Veterans and Active Duty Military Receive Free Admission
- Teachers receive free admission.
- Fort Myers Beach residents receive half-off admission price.

Discover the archaeology and history of the site and learn what clues were uncovered about this nearly 2,000-year-old shell mound. This hands-on tour will explore the environmental and cultural history of the site and feature replica artifact demonstrations. No reservations required.

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## Bay Oaks Recreational Campus

### *Youth Programs*

**Summer Camp** – June 3, 2024 – August 9, 2024, 8:00am – 5:00pm

FEE: Resident: \$100/week, Non-Resident: \$150/week

Ages 5 - 12

Bay Oaks Summer Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! Join Bay Oaks for a summer of fun with field trips, pool days, beach days, crafts, games, and more! Below is the daily schedule (subject to change):

Monday: Fishing

Tuesday: Field Trip/Craft

Wednesday: Pool at Pink Shell Resort

Thursday: Field Trip/Craft

Friday: Beach/Movie

## Bayside Park

*Concert Series – all concerts are FREE!*

**Riverside** – June 2, 2024, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**The Echo** – June 9, 2024, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**Guilty Pleasure** – June 16, 2024, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**Soapy Tuna** – June 23, 2024, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**Limited Edition** – June 30, 2024, 4:00pm – 7:00pm

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## Town Wide

### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Firework Show – July 4, 2024, ALL DAY EVENT!**

**Join the Town of Fort Myers Beach for our annual 4th of July Parade and Firework show! This year, there will also be concerts at Bayside Park!**

Sign up to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:

- [Parade Application](#)
- [Rules and Regulations](#)
- Estero Blvd will be closed for the parade. Stay tuned for specific times.

Firework Display:

Fireworks will begin at 9:00pm

- Traffic is typically heavy for this event as is the demand for parking, especially in the Downtown District/Times Square/Pier areas. The Town has several hundred public spaces and there are some paid commercial parking lots. Read the [Town's parking information](#). Paying for parking in Town spaces is easy with the [Passport parking app](#).

**Another option:** consider riding the [Lee Tran Trolley](#).

**And another option:** consider watching the fireworks from one of the [Town's 29 beach accesses](#) that are spread along Estero Boulevard toward the South end of the Island.

Matanzas Pass Bridge closes starting at 9 p.m. to oncoming traffic. Opening is subject to the direction of the Lee County Sheriff and traffic detail.

Big Carlos Pass Bridge on the south end of Estero Island remains open throughout.

**PLEASE NOTE: To protect our beautiful beach environment and keep everyone and their properties safe: Per [Town ordinance](#), personal fireworks displays ARE NOT PERMITTED.**

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