



"Making better decisions today for the future of our community"

SUSTAINABLEE Community Partnership Meeting

Eco Living Center at Rutenberg Park
6490 South Pointe Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33919
August 10, 2:00 – 4:30 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!

*Sustainab**LEE** Community Partnership meetings serve as a catalyst for businesses, government, and individuals to transition to more sustainable policies, practices and conscientious lifestyles based on the belief that the health of our environment, economy and community go hand-in-hand.*

AGENDA

- I. Welcome – Martha Avila & Roy Beckford, Lee County Extension- SUSTAINABLEE Program
- II. Monthly Speaker & Discussion— Tom Becker UF/IFAS FYN Agent will give a guided eco-tour to show sustainable, Florida-Friendly landscaping™ using the nine principles of Lee Counties' Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program. The walking tour debuts use of new rainwater harvesting tools to maintaining native plant beds. The system conserves potable water and provides water to supplement rainfall, and it uses newly-installed off-grid solar technology; an in-ground cistern built using matrix storage aqua-blocks, walkways using colorizing shell mulch and porous pavement using recycled tire rubber.
- II. Introductions and Announcements of Local Sustainability Efforts
Please state your name and affiliation. This is a time where participants are welcome to make a brief announcement or share community sustainability efforts. We ask that you share new information and please keep it to two minutes or less.

Lee County Workshops & Other events:

Rain Barrel Workshop, Sep 25. Rutenberg Eco Living Center, 6940 South Point Blvd., Fort Myers. Time: 9:00am. Cost: \$45. You must register in advance to reserve the class and the barrel. Please call 239-533-7514.

Solar Workshop: October 26-27 IFAS/Extension 3406 Palm beach Blvd. Time: 9am-4:00pm, Learn to make your own solar panel and irrigation system with Professor Richard Komp. People will assemble a 60 watt photovoltaic (PV) to produce electricity on the first day, and on the second day an irrigation system. Cost: \$150, Call Martha: 239-533-7506

Clean Energy and Sustainable Technologies Conference & Expo: Oct 29. Harborside Event Center Fort Myers. Join the excellent group of scientist, industry and government sharing research and development information on innovative solutions and strategies to help mitigate climate change. The Tech-Expo portion of the conference is open and free to public. Booths are also free to the first vendors.

More information on events, please visit: <http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml>! Also, www.leepark.org

- V. Adjourn – Please feel free to network. The meeting room is reserved until 5:00pm. SUSTAINABLEE meetings are held the second Tuesday of every other month. Time and location are the same unless you're notified otherwise. For the opportunity to participate as a monthly speaker or more information, please call Martha Avila. 239-533-7506 or email avilamc@leegov.com

"In our Hands Are the Solutions"