

# CALESA CONNECTION

APRIL 2026 EDITION



## MANAGER'S REPORT

### Trash Pickup Schedule & Guidelines

Residents are reminded that trash pickup occurs twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Fridays. Regular household waste will be collected on both days.

On Fridays, recycling

is collected. To ensure efficient service, all cardboard boxes must be broken down before placing them out for pickup.

For large items or yard waste, special arrangements are required. Residents should contact Waste Pro at 352-454-9168 to schedule a pickup. Please note that these services may involve an additional fee.

Waste Pro has also advised that in cases where collection trucks reach capacity, crews

will temporarily leave to unload and then return to continue service. If your trash is missed, you can call Waste Pro directly, and they will arrange for a team to come back and complete the pickup.

Thank you for helping keep the community clean and organized.

### Fence Maintenance

Attention Roan Hills residents: If you have a fence on your property, please remember that the area extending five

feet beyond your fence line remains part of your property and is your responsibility to maintain.

This includes regular mowing, trimming, and general upkeep of the space behind your fence. Keeping this area maintained helps preserve the appearance of our neighborhood, prevents overgrowth, and reduces potential issues with pests.

We kindly ask all homeowners with fenced yards to ensure that this

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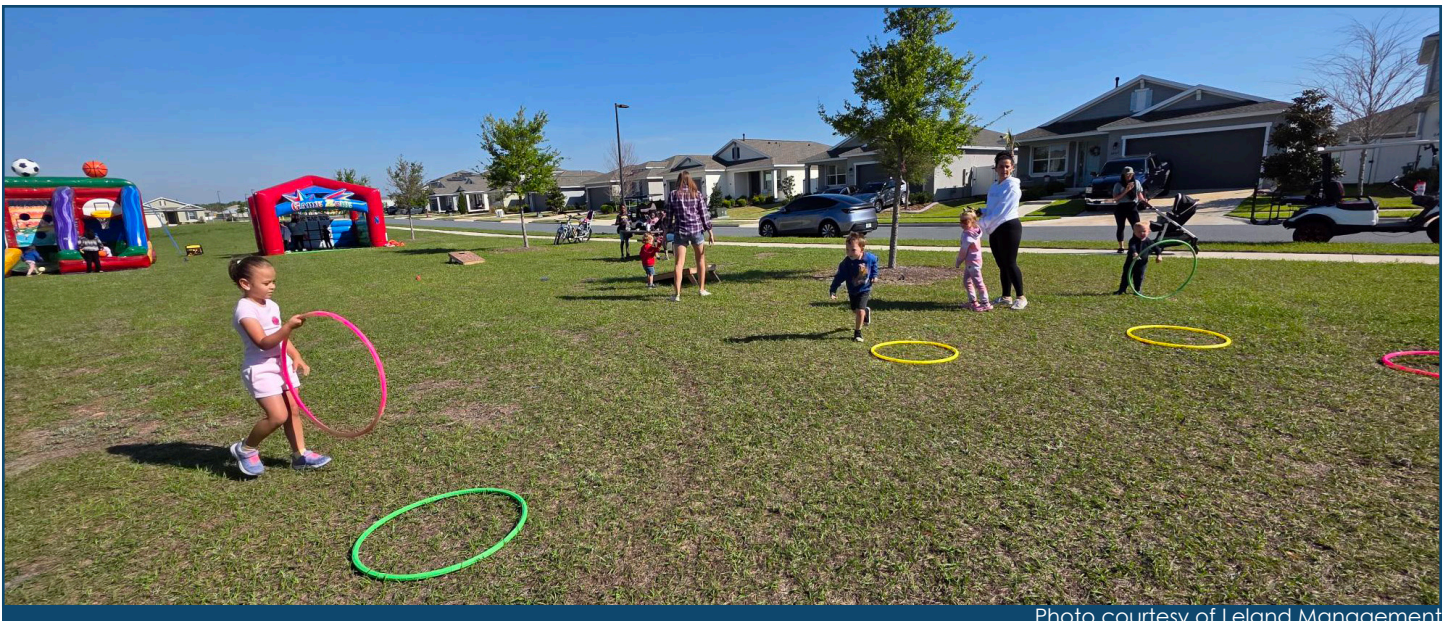


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Spring Fling on Saturday, March 21.



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five-foot section is kept neat and properly cared for. Your cooperation helps keep Roan Hills looking clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

Thank you for doing your part to support our community!

**Keep Sidewalks Clear**

Residents are reminded not to park vehicles over or across sidewalks. Sidewalks are designed to provide a safe, accessible pathway for pedestrians, and blocking them creates serious safety concerns for everyone in the community.

When a vehicle obstructs the sidewalk, pedestrians – including children, individuals with strollers, cyclists, and those with mobility challenges – are often forced to step into the street to get around the obstruction. This increases the risk of accidents and

injuries, especially in areas with limited visibility or higher traffic.

Blocking sidewalks can also delay emergency response efforts and create difficulties for neighbors who rely on clear, unobstructed walkways for daily activities. Maintaining open sidewalks is an important part of keeping our neighborhood safe, accessible, and compliant with local regulations.

Residents are encouraged to use the street for parking when needed, as long as all posted rules and local parking regulations are followed. This includes avoiding fire hydrants, driveways, intersections, and any designated no-parking zones.

By keeping sidewalks clear and parking responsibly, we can ensure a safer and more accessible environment for everyone in the community.

Thank you for

your cooperation and commitment to safety.

**Community Signage Policy**

To help maintain a clean, consistent, and visually appealing neighborhood, residents are reminded that signage of any kind is not permitted within the community.

This includes, but is not limited to, for-sale signs, open-house signs, vendor advertisements, contractor signs, and any other temporary or permanent displays placed on lots, common areas, or rights-of-way.

While we understand the importance of marketing a home or promoting services, these restrictions are in place to preserve the neighborhood’s overall appearance and ensure compliance with community guidelines.

If you are planning to sell your home or have questions regarding open houses, please contact the management office directly. We can provide guidance on approved methods and ensure everything is handled in accordance with community standards.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our

neighborhood looking its best.

**Secure Umbrellas & Loose Items**

As we head into spring, we all know what that means – more sunshine, warmer days ... and those sudden Florida storms that seem to pop up out of nowhere!

Residents are kindly reminded to close all umbrellas at the community pool after use. While they provide great shade during the day, an open umbrella can quickly turn into a “mini hurricane” when the wind picks up. Not only can this cause damage to pool furniture, but it can also create a safety hazard for anyone nearby.

The same goes for any loose or lightweight items around the pool or your property. With storm season approaching, please make sure anything that could be picked up by strong winds is properly secured or brought inside.

A little preparation goes a long way in keeping our community safe – and preventing any unexpected flying objects!

Thank you for your help in keeping the pool area enjoyable and storm-ready for everyone.

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### Spring Fling Success

What an amazing time we had at this year's Spring Fling! The event was filled with laughter, sunshine, and a wonderful sense of community as so many residents came out on Saturday to enjoy the beautiful weather together.

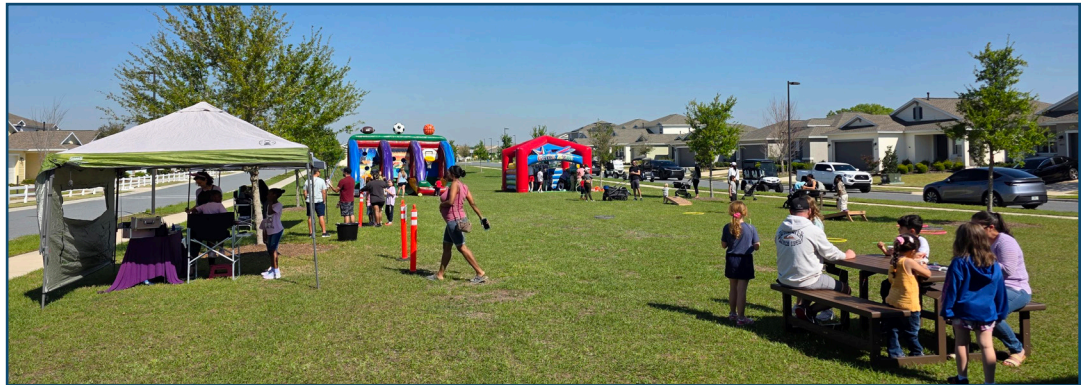
From the moment the festivities began, there was excitement in the air. Families and neighbors gathered to take part in all the fun activities, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere throughout the day. The inflatable games were a huge hit, with kids (and even a few adults!) who were enjoying every minute of the action.

Of course, no Spring Fling would be complete without some sweet treats! The snow cones were a crowd favorite, offering a refreshing way to cool off while adding a splash of color and fun to the

day. Meanwhile, the face painting station brought out everyone's creative side, transforming smiling faces into everything from butterflies to superheroes.

Most importantly, the event gave residents a chance to connect, laugh, and make lasting memories with friends and neighbors. It was truly a celebration of everything that makes our community special.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made the Spring Fling such a fantastic success – we can't wait to do it again next year!



Photos courtesy of Leland Management

Spring Fling on Saturday, March 21.

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**SCHOOL UPDATES**

As we head into April, Ina A. Colen Academy would like to share a few upcoming dates with Calesa Township. The

school will be closed on Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6. Students will return to campus on Tuesday, April 7.

Later in the month, Ina A. Colen Academy will have an early release day on Wednesday, April 22, with dismissal at 12:05 p.m. Residents may notice increased traffic in the area around midday as families pick up students.

We appreciate the support of our Calesa neighbors and thank you for helping keep our shared spaces safe, especially during arrival and dismissal times. Wishing everyone a great start to April!

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**COLEN BUILT DEVELOPMENT**  
**SAFETY FIRST**

In spring, in Ocala, temperatures can reach the mid-80s, then drop into the low 50s in the evening. Certainly makes it difficult to adjust, then there's the fog. How do we adapt to this weather fluctuation?

At this time of year, when the weather presents a range of challenges, we have to dress accordingly. For the folks who just arrived in Ocala, we know it's confusing. To stay healthy, you have to adjust to what nature gives us. So wearing layers is crucial. This is to prevent your body's temperature from overheating. When we reach the 80s around

midday, make sure you have breathable clothing. Welcome to spring ... summer!

The trees are emerging from dormancy and spreading their pollen. Do you have allergies? Equip yourself to combat the sneezing and wheezing. Prepare yourself to stay healthy when nature changes from one season to the next. No one knows you better than you know yourself.

Does someone need to come to you to offer one of their allergy pills when you know you should have them for yourself? The time has come for cold to become hot. Statistics show that this seasonal change is most critical because we always have to adapt to the changing weather.

Be ahead of the game. Go get what you know you need. Dress appropriately and prepare yourself for what you need the most. Stay healthy for you.

**HAPPY PASSOVER!**  
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**WATER SAFETY DAY!**  
 SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 • 10 AM - 2 PM  
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FAST is collaborating with Harlow's Helping Hands to help spread the importance of water safety in our community. Join us for a family-fun day at Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST) with a chance to meet and engage in swim activities with our swim instructors. Activities include learning the importance of water safety, swim lessons from Water Safety Instructors, and informational booths from local fire stations, police, sheriff stations, and more!

Bring the family, bathing suits, towels, and sunscreen, and come ready to make a splash! Lunch and snacks are available for purchase at FAST Fuel Cafe.

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**FAMILY FUN!**



### DEVELOPER UPDATES

As Calesa Township continues to grow, we remain focused on thoughtful progress that supports both new development and the everyday experience of our residents. Construction activity is ongoing throughout the community, including new homes and future phases, and we continue working closely with our partners to ensure projects move forward safely and efficiently.

### SW 80th Avenue Roadway Expansion

The road widening

project along SW 80th Avenue has officially begun.

Last month, we shared that early work was underway, primarily focused on relocating underground utilities such as fiber and electrical lines. This work continues into the current phase and progresses carefully to avoid service interruptions.

Since then, the project has advanced, with the Notice to Proceed for Phase 1A issued on March 9 and road work beginning on March 16. As construction continues, please expect increased traffic and delays along the corridor.

### Looking Ahead

Construction is moving steadily along on The Nest, with visible progress taking shape. In addition, planning continues

for future phases and develop.

community enhancements that will support Calesa Township's continued growth. More details will be shared in the coming months as these plans

We appreciate your patience as these improvements move forward and will continue to share updates as progress is made.



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**HORTICULTURE CORNER**

**Crape Myrtle Pruning Guide**

Crape myrtles are naturally elegant, long-blooming trees that require less pruning than people think. The goal of pruning is to enhance the tree’s natural shape, encourage healthy growth, and improve flowering—not cut it back harshly. When done correctly, pruning keeps the tree strong, balanced, and beautiful.

**When to Prune:** Late winter to early spring is ideal, when the tree is dormant, before new growth begins. Avoid pruning in the fall; it can stimulate tender new growth that may be damaged by cold. Light touch-ups (removing suckers or broken branches) can be done at any time.

**Tools You’ll Need:** Hand pruners for small twigs, loppers for medium branches, a pruning saw for larger limbs, and Gloves, safety glasses. Optional: disinfectant-clean tools between cuts.

**Pruning Goals:** The best pruning focuses on

removing dead, damaged, or crossing branches, opening the canopy for better airflow, highlighting the tree’s natural vase-shaped structure, and encouraging strong growth and abundant blooms. The goal is refinement, not severe cutting.

**Step-by-Step Pruning Process**

1. Remove dead or diseased wood, branches rubbing or crossing, limbs growing inward, suckers at the base, and small twiggy growth along the main trunks. This cleanup often dramatically improves the tree.
2. Identify three to five strong trunks and keep them as the structural base. Remove low branches to achieve a tree-like form. Thin out crowded areas to allow light and air through the canopy. Make cuts just above a lateral branch or bud – not in the middle of a limb.
3. Avoid “crape murder” by severely

topping the tree (cutting large trunks back to stubs), which weakens the plant, leading to weak, spindly growth, fewer and smaller blooms, increased disease susceptibility, and knobby, unattractive branch ends. Instead, rely on selective thinning and shaping.

4. Crape myrtles bloom on new wood, so moderate pruning stimulates fresh growth. Focus on removing old seed heads, lightly shortening long branches to maintain balance, and preserving the tree’s natural height and form.

**Aftercare:** Apply a light layer of mulch around the base (not touching the trunk). Water during dry spells to support new growth. Fertilize sparingly – too much nitrogen reduces blooms.

A well-pruned crape myrtle looks effortless: tall, graceful trunks, airy canopy, and abundant summer flowers. A light, thoughtful approach keeps a tree healthy and beautiful for decades.

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Master the Possibilities is highlighting language this month. One popular language option is “Speed

Spanish,” which is a course designed for those who want to quickly build practical language skills they can use right away. Rather than focusing solely on memorization, this class emphasizes real-world communication.

Participants can expect to learn commonly used vocabulary, everyday expressions, and simple sentence structures that will help them confidently navigate situations such as dining out, shopping, or asking for directions in Spanish-speaking environments. It also introduces helpful tips for pronunciation and comprehension, making it easier to both speak and understand the language.

For anyone planning a trip or simply wanting to connect with Spanish speakers in their community, this course offers immediate, useful benefits. Better yet, there are two learning opportunities for this

course. Participants can choose at registration to attend either a self-paced class or a virtual classroom with live instruction. The cost of either option is \$130.

Another valuable offering is the self-paced “Grammar Refresher” course, which focuses on strengthening the foundation of effective communication. Many adults find that over time, grammar rules become a bit rusty, and this class provides a clear, supportive way to rebuild those skills. Participants will review sentence structure, punctuation, verb usage, and common writing mistakes, all while learning how to communicate more clearly and confidently.

What is great is that these skills translate


directly into everyday life, whether writing emails, participating in group discussions, or simply expressing thoughts more effectively. Strong grammar not only improves clarity but also enhances confidence in both personal and professional interactions. Cost for this offering is \$121.

This month alone, there are over 100 educational opportunities available through Master the Possibilities and ed2go. To find out more about our language offerings or to register 24/7, visit [masterthepossibilities.org](http://masterthepossibilities.org) > Online Catalog > Distance Learning > ed2go. For registration assistance, call the office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 352-861-9751.


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**SWIM SPOTLIGHT**

FAST is bringing exciting opportunities to the community this spring and summer for swimmers of all ages and skill levels.

On Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

FAST will host Water Safety Day, a free event open to the public. In partnership with Harlow’s Helping Hands, this family-friendly day focuses on promoting the importance of water safety. Attendees can enjoy interactive swim activities with instructors, learn essential safety skills, and participate in introductory swim lessons led by certified water

safety instructors. The event will also feature informational booths from local fire, police, and sheriff’s departments, as well as other community partners.

Registration is now open for the FAST Manatees Summer Youth Program, a recreational swim league for children ages six to 18. The program emphasizes skill

development, confidence, and fun in a supportive environment. Swimmers of all levels are welcome. Participants simply need to be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) unassisted. The program also includes fun, low-pressure swim meets, and at the end of the season, all participants are eligible to join the FAST Falcons Swim Team and receive two weeks free.



**FINDING ZEN**

As excitement builds for Sholom Park’s Spring Strings concert series, residents are encouraged to secure their tickets for

the upcoming performance by the internationally acclaimed Harp Twins featuring the Wolfgang Twins on Saturday, April 18.

This unique outdoor concert will feature two sets of identical twins performing together – double electric harps,

vocals, and Viking-style drums – creating a show that is by turns powerful, humorous, and haunting. The event begins at 4 p.m., with gates opening at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30, and may be purchased through Master the Possibilities at [MasterthePossibilities.org](http://MasterthePossibilities.org).

Proceeds from the event help support Sholom Park’s mission to remain open free to the public year-round and to preserve its gardens, walking paths, and peaceful natural spaces for the community.

FAST is also teaming up with Ina A. Colen Academy to offer a dynamic summer camp for children ages six to 14. With full- and half-day options available, campers will enjoy swimming, indoor and outdoor games, scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, STEM activities, and more. It’s a great way for kids to stay active, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

From water safety to summer fun, FAST offers something for everyone in the community.

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