

MAY 6 - 12 National Nurses Week



thank you ... for making a patient's day a little brighter

thank you ... for going the extra mile to show you care

thank you ... for taking the time to explain the unfamiliar

thank you ... for your clinical skill, compassion and professionalism

Nursing is a demanding profession, but one that brings great comfort and care to many in their time of need. You are the voice that comforts and the shoulder that supports during the most difficult times. Thank you for all you do.

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Caring people caring for people.

Nurses are the heart of health care and the heart of our community ...
from the Staff, Physicians, Administration and Board of Directors ...

thank you

Utility, street closures continue downtown

More work being done on parts of First Street

With nearly half of the Downtown Utility and Streetscape Improvements complete, progress on the remaining portion continues through the downtown "core" area. Construction continues on First Street with the addition of First Street from Heitman Street to Monroe Street in the "under construction" status. Construction on this block is expected to be complete in September.

Drive thru bank customers must access Edison National Bank and SunTrust drive thru using the temporary entrance on southbound Monroe Street, just south of Bay Street.

Roads under construction are as follows:

- First Street from Jackson Street to Dean Street AND from Heitman Street to Monroe Street
- Hendry Street from First Street to Bay Street
- Broadway from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to south of Second Street
- Richmond Street from Lee Street to Royal Palm Avenue
- Royal Palm Avenue from First Street to Second Street

Travel through downtown Fort Myers on the following open roads:

- Edwards Drive (east-west)
- Bay Street (east-west)
- Second Street (east-west)
- Jackson Street (north-south)
- Lee Street (north-south)
- Monroe Street (north-south) ■

Rabid bat confirmed in Lee County

The Lee County Health Department has confirmed the presence of rabies in a local bat. The animal was found in the Whiskey Creek area last week, and testing confirmed rabies over the weekend. Rabies can be confirmed only through laboratory analysis.

To date, seven individuals with known exposure to the rabid bat are undergoing prophylactic immunization. This consists of a series of six shots (at a patient cost of \$1200 - \$1500) over a four week period.

Rabies is a fatal, infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system. Most recent human rabies cases in the United States have been caused by bats. People get rabies from contact with a rabid animal's saliva getting directly into their eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound.

Any bat that is active by day, is found in a place where bats are not usually seen (for example, in a room in your home or on the lawn), or is unable to fly, is far more likely than others to be rabid.

Never pick up, handle or approach bats. ■