

Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization

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This Saturday, April 22 is Trails Day

Started by Rails-to-Trails
Conservancy in recognition
of their amenity of making
the outdoors accessible,
trails offer an alternative to
automobile transportation
by connecting places for
those who travel otherwise
and in so doing also reduce their environmental
impact. Take a moment to
learn more and see
what's available to traverse nearby.

photos by Sean Kingston: Rich King Memorial (top) and Gordon River (right) Greenways

Awareness Causes for April

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The National Safety Council, America's leading nonprofit safety advocate for more than 100 years, calls for awareness to the

cause of eight

deaths a day, skyrocketing in the past decade with over 32,000 from 2012-2021. Distracted driving's most common distraction is cell phone use. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the DOT has embarked on the <u>U Drive</u>. <u>U Text</u>. <u>U Pay</u>. campaign to remind drivers of the dangers and legal consequences behind texting and driving.



Beyond the Driver's Seat Month

Each year, the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) <u>Safe Mobility for Life Coalition</u> helps Floridians achieve lifelong mobility independence. True mobility independence means not having to rely on a car. It means having options to stay safe, mobile, and connected in your communities using other modes of transportation.

The aim this month is to educate aging drivers on how to find all the transportation options available in their communities and empower them to practice and take advantage of these opportunities.



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Congratulations to Dusty May Siegler on her promotion to Senior Planner with the MPQ!

