

Kosmas added to 'Save Space' rally

NASA, KSC plan to provide educational displays for event

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U.S. Rep. Suzanne Kosmas has been added to the roster of speakers for Sunday's "Save Space" community rally at the Cocoa Expo Sports Center.

The rally is designed to emphasize that human space exploration should be the critical aspect of NASA

policy.

Brevard County Commissioner Robin Fisher, who is the primary organizer of the free event, said both NASA and the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex have expressed support for the community rally, and will be providing educational displays.

Kosmas will join U.S. Sen. George LeMieux, U.S. Rep.

Bill Posey, Florida Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, Florida Sen. Mike Haridopolos, Brevard County School Board member Robert Jordan, Fisher and astronauts Jon McBride, Winston Scott and Bob Springer as speakers.

"We think we are going to have some great attendance" at the rally, said Fisher, who is hoping for 5,000 people to attend Sunday's event, which starts at 4 p.m.

He emphasized that children are welcome to attend.

Educational displays, a shuttle replica, the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex "spaceperson" and "moonwalk" bounce houses will be set up at the rally site.

A final planning meeting for the rally is at noon today at Fisher's Titusville office.

Sunday's rally will occur four days before President Obama is scheduled to visit Kennedy Space Center to address his space policy proposal. ■

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Upcoming space events

Congressional forum:

FLORIDA TODAY will host a space forum at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Simpkins Fine Arts Center on the Brevard Community College Cocoa campus in Cocoa.

U.S. Reps. Bill Posey, R-Rockledge, and Suzanne Kosmas, D-New Smyrna Beach, will participate. BCC is a co-sponsor. Matt Reed, a senior editor at FLORIDA TODAY, is the moderator.

Residents can submit questions at the event, or in advance to: news@flor-

datoday.com (put "space" in the subject line).

The forum is open to the public, but seating is limited. The event will be streamed live at floridatoday.com and taped for later showing on WBCC.

Economic forum: A forum entitled "Overcoming the Space Challenge Through Regional Innovations" will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 30 at the Holiday Inn in Viera.

For information about registering for the event, go to www.leadbrevard.org