



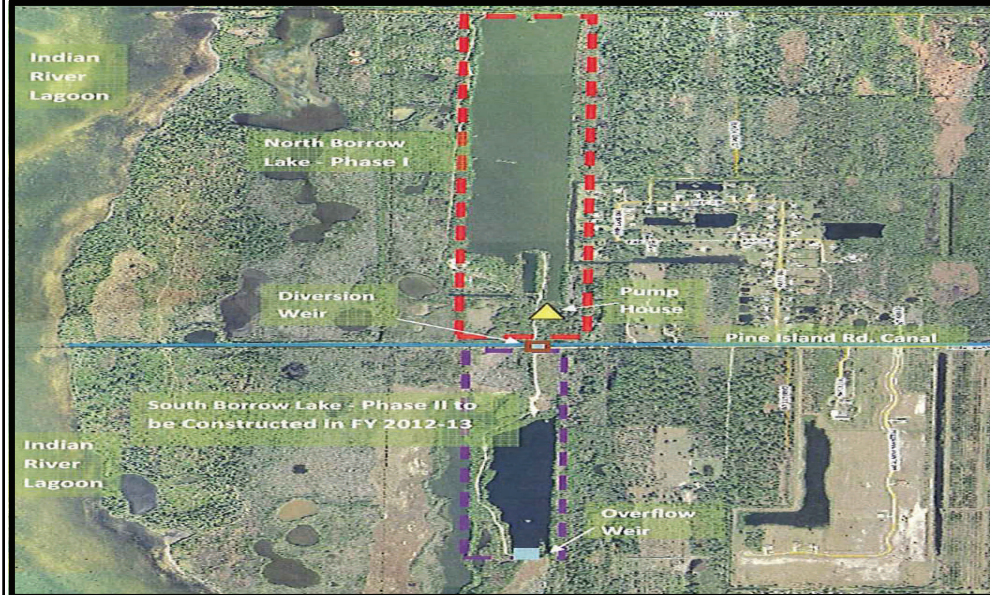
# Merritt Island News & Views

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## North Merritt Island Community Forum

A community forum will be held on June 16th at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5555 N. Tropical Trail, North Merritt Island to discuss the stormwater improvements planned to begin this Summer on North Merritt Island at the Pine Island Conservation Area. Stormwater Improvements include converting an existing 73-acre borrow lake into an 80-acre stormwater treatment system, installing a single 15,000 gpm hydraulic pump, and constructing a diversion weir within the Pine Island Road drainage canal system. The entrance road will be paved and access roads will be improved. Recreational amenities will include a canoe launch and associated parking area (see Project Map below). For more information about this project call Robbyn Spratt, Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office at (321) 633-2016.



## What Patriotism Means To Me



On May 24th the Board of County Commissioner's recognized Kyle Morgan, a junior at Merritt Island Christian School, for being the Fleet Reserve Association's (FRA), first place winner for writing an essay on "What Patriotism Means to Me". Kyle was awarded first place locally, first place regionally and second place nationally, receiving a total of \$3,300, with certificates and a plaque for the national award. The FRA is a Veteran's organization representing active, retired, and former members of the Sea Services made up of members of the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. Every year, the FRA sponsors an Essay Contest, with themes changing year to year, but centering on Patriotism. Congratulations Kyle!!

## 2011 Hurricane Preparedness

**Bob Lay, Emergency Management Director, will be the Guest Speaker at the Cocoa Beach Open House**

Plan on attending the Cocoa Beach Open House to be held on June 24th at the Cocoa Beach Library, 550 North Brevard Ave, Cocoa Beach from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Bob Lay, Director of Emergency Management, will talk about formulating emergency plans as hurricane season began June 1st and lasts through November 30th. Forecasters have predicted an above average hurricane season for 2011 (16 named storms, 9 hurricanes, and 5 major storms).



## Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency Workshop

The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency will hold a workshop on Tuesday, June 21st at 1:00 p.m. at the Merritt Island Service Complex, 2575 N. Courtenay Parkway, Suite 205 to discuss the State Road 520 Corridor improvements.

