



Merritt Island News & Views

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North Merritt Island Stormwater Improvements

Phase I of the Pine Island Conservation Area Stormwater Improvement project has begun with Brevard County Road and Bridge clearing Brazilian peppers and other exotic, invasive species along the west shoreline of the North Borrow Lake. The terrain along the western bank of the lakes has changed dramatically in the course of just a few weeks.

Residents on North Merritt Island who experienced severe flooding during Tropical Storm Fay will benefit from the completion of this 80-acre stormwater management system as it will provide additional stormwater storage capacity and flood control.



Merritt Island Community Redevelopment Boundary Expansion



New NMIHOA Board Elected in June



Annual election for the NMIHOA board was held at the June monthly meeting. Shown above are (LtoR) Dick Finn, Dist. 3 Rep.; John Rovira, Dist. 2 Rep.; Commissioner Chuck Nelson, officiated the swearing in of board; Chris Cook, Vice Pres.; John Schantzen, President; Connie Cole, Secretary; Tanya Knappman, Treasurer; Ron Penn, Sgt. at Arms; Carol Bragg, Treasurer; Jack Ratterman, Dist. 1 Rep.; Sandy Pesce, Dist. 3 Rep; and Peter Burridge, Dist. 4 Rep.

- On May 24th the Board of County Commissioners approved extending the current MIRA (Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency) boundaries.
- In the above picture current boundaries are represented with a dashed line and new boundaries are represented with a solid line.
- The major thoroughfares serving the study area are SR 3 (N. Courtenay Parkway) and SR 528 in the north and S. Courtenay Parkway to the south.
- MIRA has completed numerous improvements to the area with commercial façade improvement programs, street-scaping, infrastructure upgrades and through partnerships with the Florida Inland Navigation District and other State agencies.
- MIRA will conduct public meetings during the summer to update the Agency's Redevelopment plan to be presented to the board of County Commissioner's this fall.