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Veterans Memorial Park Awarded Grant for Improvement Project



The State of Florida Department of Community Affairs, Florida Communities Trust (FCT) awarded Brevard County an \$800,000 grant for the Veterans Memorial Park improvement project which ranked 6 out the 57 applications received by FCT. These funds will be used to help match a \$1 million grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for additional improvements.

In addition to addressing issues of flooding control and stormwater treatment the Veterans Memorial Park project will include amenities such as:

- ▶ Expanding the Veteran's wartime museum
- ▶ Fishing pier
- ▶ Creating a memorial garden
- ▶ Pavilion
- ▶ Passive boat launch facilities
- ▶ Natural trails
- ▶ Wildlife observation tower
- ▶ Horseshoe pits
- ▶ Educational kiosks and signage
- ▶ Benches
- ▶ Parking
- ▶ Sidewalks

Improvements are underway!

We Will Never Forget

On the 10th anniversary of 9/11 a ceremony was held at Veterans Memorial Park to unveil a monument containing two steel beams from the World Trade Center. These two pieces of steel removed from ground zero stand in honor of all of those who lost their lives that day in a coordinated terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the United States Pentagon, United Airlines Flight #93, American Airlines Flight #11, American Airlines Flight #77, and United Airlines Flight #175 and in honor all fighters of "Operation Enduring Freedom".



North Merritt Island Sidewalks Under Construction

The long awaited construction of new 6 foot wide sidewalks on the west side of North Tropical Trail from Hall Road to the north side of Indian Bay Blvd will make your daily walk or bike ride safer and easier! The project is scheduled for completion in early December and was funded by Impact Fees.



East Merritt Island Homeowner's Association to Meet



Commissioner Nelson has been invited to attend the East Merritt Island Homeowner's Association meeting on October 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. located at Lighthouse Christian Church, 1250 N. Banana River Drive, Merritt Island. The Commissioner looks forward to speaking with residents about issues in their community and working together for the betterment of the entire District.