



Merritt Island News & Views

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Check Out Brevard's Newest Nature Center at Pine Island Conservation Area



Exhibits have been installed at Sams House, the museum and on the grounds of the Pine Island Conservation Area located at 2121 Pine Island Road, Merritt Island. The exhibits feature early inhabitants that include pioneers, Native Americans and ice-age era animals.

A Volunteer Open House was held on Saturday, October 15th and participants were able to meet the staff, see the new exhibits, enjoy a guided hike of Pine Island and fill out a volunteer application. Volunteers are essential to the Pine Island Conservation Area to help restore and preserve the Sanctuary's vitality for dependent birds and wildlife, and maintain passive recreational resources for future generations. For more information on volunteering or recreational opportunities you can contact staff at (321) 449-4720 or visit them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/samshousepineisland. Sanctuary Hours from October thru April are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

West Fortenberry Sidewalk Extension Project

The West Fortenberry Road Sidewalk Extension Project funded by the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) will provide a safer pedestrian system by providing sidewalks on the portion of Fortenberry Road lying between South Courtenay Parkway and Plumosa Street. The project includes piping of the existing ditch along the south side of Fortenberry Road from South Courtenay Parkway to Imperial Street, together with the extension of a sidewalk/pedway along Fortenberry Road, from South Courtenay Parkway to a tie-in point at the intersection of Fortenberry Road and Plumosa Street. The project is estimated to be complete by the end of November.

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North Merritt Island Annual Community Picnic

The North Merritt Island Homeowner's Association (NMIHOA) is celebrating 25 years at their Annual Community Picnic! The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at KARS Park located at the west end of Hall Road. The event will feature live music by the "Mango Brothers" band with Coyle Clan, lots of food and drinks and activities for all ages! Advance tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For ticket purchases and information you can contact: President, John Schantzen @ 394-6685; Vice President, Chris Cook @ 453-7022; Secretary, Connie Cole @ 459-2178; or visit www.nmihoa.org for a complete listing of Board members.



District 2 Open Houses Rescheduled

Due to the upcoming Holidays the Cocoa Open House for November will be held on Friday, November 4th from 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. at the Central Brevard Library and Reference Center located at 308 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa and the Cocoa Beach Open House for November will be held on Friday, November 18th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Cocoa Beach Library located at 550 North Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach.

There will not be an Open House in Cocoa or Cocoa Beach for the month of December.

Brevard County Commissioner Chuck Nelson hosts a monthly open house in Cocoa and Cocoa Beach to encourage residents to speak with him about community issues.

District 2 includes Cocoa, Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island, Port Canaveral, Cape Canaveral, Avon by the Sea, Cocoa Beach, Snug Harbor and Patrick AFB.

North Merritt Island Give Thanks for Our Community Day



A Brazilian Pepper Tree bust will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon in Manatee Cove Park located at 4905 N. Tropical Trail. Volunteers will help to clear invasive Brazilian Pepper trees along the lagoon and pond. Gloves, supplies and water will be provided as well as an all American lunch wrap-up party at the Ruth Roberts Pavilion. For information on this event, contact NMIHOA President John Schantzen at 394-6685.

This is event is sponsored by the NMIHOA, Keep Brevard Beautiful, Brevard County Parks and Recreation and area businesses.