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GRAND CANAL MUCK REMOVAL UPDATE

The Pineda lane access for the demucking project is in the process of construction. Thereafter, the Pineda site will be prepared for the for the \$26.5 M north Grand Canal demucking project. The County had a pre-construction meeting with Gator Dredging to discuss several items in July. It was decided that the past hydrographic muck survey would be updated to assess if more muck has accumulated and where, since the study is several years old. Therefore, a preconstruction survey will be also be conducted over a short period of time to establish any changes. In addition, some dredging may begin between October 1st and continue through December 1st of this year, afterwhich DEP restricts dredging because of the manatee population until March of 2020. The official start date of our demucking project is March 2020, but the focus is to get the project started and to proceed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Residents may have met staff from Natural Resources who are ringing doorbells to ensure that residents have the opportunity to sign up for muck removal within 5 feet of their docks and seawalls. Residents may opt to allow the dredging contractor to remove muck within 5 feet of their structures, rather than the customary 10 foot limit by signing the dredge waiver agreement/release. The SPRA website has the waivers posted online for this option. PRESIDENT Ayn Marie Samuelson • 773.8167 asamuelson@spranews.com

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There was a report that came from a June Satellite Beach townhall meeting that the city was planning to use our current project's Pineda dewatering site after the north Grand Canal project is completed. It has been clearly communicated and approved that the Pineda site would be used only for the current dredging project. The County has made assurances to SPRA regarding this concern.

In addition, Natural Resources is seeking approval to have Temporary Use Agreements (TUAs) issued for periods longer than a single year, in order to cut expenses, including staff time. Dredging projects are large and complicated with project timelines that can be impacted by numerous factors, and permit related requirements and restrictions related to state and federally mandated manatee closures can require project shutdowns lasting up to 6 months each year. While the initial concept was to extend the TUAs to a 5 year time period, a better "fit" would be to tie a TUA to a county board approved construction project, rather than to time in general.

SPRA's email to the County referenced the TUA timerelated issue and the concern about using the site for other demucking projects: *We have a legitimate concern about the use of the Pineda site after the north Grand Canal project is completed. SPRA had also been assured many times since April 2015 that this site was to be used only for this specific project, afterwhich the site would be "restored." We knew that the project might take three plus years, depending on weather and other conditions. As you remember, the project*

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size was reduced several years ago because of numerous, legitimate considerations.

What we will never be prepared for is another three years on top of that for the removal of muck south of the existing project. If one considers additional muck removal, then the entire Grand Canal project could take from 6 to 8 years, all the while negatively impacting all of the residents in the northern 1/3 of the Grand Canal and at the cut to the Banana River. Home rule means there is a certain jurisdictional responsibility for "sharing the pain" of the dredging process, not passing it onto others to bear.

If the annual TUA process is a problem for staff time and other related expenses, then a simple fix is that the TUA can be directly tied to the existing contract that was approved by the BOCC, until that specific project is completed. A five year time period opens the door to other concerns and potential problems. Tying an existing project or projects to the TUA is a simple solution. I am confident that the County Attorney's Office can tailor individual contracts to ensure that costs can be minimized and that the local residents/ public are protected, when they are tied to specific, named projects."

RESIDENT CONCERNS – Question & Answer #1 Question & Answer: Can residents run a a business out of their homes? Brevard County Code Sec. 62-1155.

A small business must have a business tax receipt and have the appropriate zoning approval for home occupations. Many occupations that are listed in the ordinance, are those that do not require additional traffic in residential areas, and they can be run out of a home. Such businesses include architects, accountants, dental lab technicians, engineers, real estate brokers, real estate appraisers, interior decorators, fishing guides, computer graphics, programming, desktop publishing and typesetting, domiciliary activities, insurance claim adjusters, and other professional services that are identified with single-family uses, some cottage industries, and other similar occupations, as determined by the zoning official. Occupations such as doctors, chiropractors, massage therapists, home care nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, therapists and veterinarians are permitted only if no patients are treated in the home. Such occupations shall make house calls only. Lawn care services are permitted as home occupations, provided all equipment is stored in an enclosed structure.

#2 Question & Answer: What are resort dwellings, and can they be located in our single-family areas? Brevard County Code Sec. 62-1102. Resort dwelling means any single family dwelling or multifamily dwelling unit which is rented to others for periods of less than 90 days or three calendar month. A resort dwelling is a commercial/business





use. This definition does not include month-to-month. hold-over leases from a previous lease longer than 90 days. In our zoning classification of single-family residential zoning, such as RU-1-7 through RU-1-13, such zoning prohibits resort dwellings. Where resort dwellings are permitted, such as in areas along SR A1A, there are very specific rules set forth in the codes that must be followed as to how many individuals and vehicles are permitted at any one time. In addition, anyone who rents or leases any accommodation for six months or less must collect the 5% Tourist Development Tax and State Sales Tax, along with the rent payment. If a residence is being used as a resort dwelling, then prima facie evidence must be provided as proof, as per Sec. 62-103.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

South Patrick Residents Association (SPRA), a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit, and as a partner in our beachside community with PAFB, shares concerns regarding the health of the Indian River Lagoon, a national estuary. As research has continued, it is apparent that there are legitimate concerns about potential pollutants into our water cycle, with many variables that can impact our health and welfare. Any negative perceptions are best dealt with by facts, communication, and a true partnership between the public and PAFB. To assist in putting any negative perceptions to rest, we have asked to schedule a tour of the wastewater treatment facilities located on Patrick Air Force Base with SPRA representatives and any other persons PAFB officials believe should also accompany us on the tour.

SR 513 CROSSING @ OCEAN BLVD.

Several concerns were raised about the pedestrian walk time allotted for crossing SR 513 at the Ocean Blvd. and SR 513 intersection, as the vehicles turning south had been turning south too soon after the pedestrian walk light appeared. County Public Works was contacted about the issue and FDOT's consultant went to the site to assess the



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timing. They were responsive and quickly evaluated the issue. They agreed to add a leading pedestrian interval to give pedestrians a 5 second head start before the signal gives the green light to the side street (Ocean Blvd.) traffic turning south. However, the timing was still insufficient, and County staff conducted a field review to evaluate and then coordinated with FDOT to once again re-evaluate the timing. On the second attempt, the full 5 seconds with the walk light was set, while allowing the traffic on Ocean to to be able to turn for 20 seconds instead of only 14. This leads to a safer crossing for pedestrians and sufficient time for those turning from Ocean Blvd. to SR 513.

EPA SCREENING INSPECTION (SI)

EPA's Community Involvement Coordinator for the South Patrick Shores site is finalizing the work plan that will be implemented, and it will identify the properties that will be sampled. They will provide tentative dates of sampling once the work plan is finalized, primarily focusing on groundwater sampling in the vicinity of the alleged, former landfill area. This will allow EPA to determine if there are any site contaminants and if they have migrated into the groundwater system. EPA has begun requesting access to perform sampling at selected properties, and sampling will begin once they have received signed access authorizations from property owners, as required by EPA. Eight property owners were sent access authorizations, and EPA expects to receive these signed access authorizations back in the upcoming weeks. At that time, they will work with property owners to determine when to conduct sampling at their properties. EPA will provide SPRA with an update once they have received signed access authorizations.

LIFT STATION S-04 REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Owen Callard, Brevard Utilities Construction Manager, stated that a pre-construction meeting for the S-04 Lift Station project along Ibis Drive was held on Jul 17th. The Notice to Proceed date will unofficially be September 3, 2019, and once the Notice is sent to Danus Utilities, the lift station contractor will mobilize to begin the project in mid-September 2019.

2019/2020 COUNTY BUDGET

Brevard County Commissioners have a proposed \$1.31 billion County budget for the upcoming 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The proposed aggregate tax rate is \$5.84 per \$1,000 of taxable property value, which is a decrease from \$6.33 per \$1,000 in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The aggregate rate is an aggregate of the general fund rate and all other tax rates that will be listed on taxpayers TRIM Notices, the notice of proposed taxes.

Sheriff Ivey wants commissioners to declare a "critical need" in public safety, which requires a super majority vote of four of five county commissioners. That would allow the tax rate for law enforcement to increase at a higher rate than is permitted by the County Charter. This request is the only request that would exceed Brevard County Charter





The following are part of the proposed 2019/2020 FY Budget:

• \$9.6 million for road resurfacing

• Improve maintenance of countywide drainage systems by funding/adding a third drainage crew to allow maintenance to be completed within a shorter cleaning cycle

Utility Services Department's capital improvement program for lift station rehab and replacements: assess gravity sewers; continue sewer lining to minimize pollution
2% cost-of-living raises for staff; union employees raises depend on collective bargaining agreements

• Increased staffing to address specific needs for Utility Services; Planning & Development; Human Resources to address recruitment and pay/classification issues

BREVARD COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Look for Brevard County news and updates on the SPRA website at **www.spranews.com**

Brevard Road & Bridge Paving: The paving for Sea Park Boulevard and the Seagull/Sea Park Elementary pedway reconstruction was completed at the end of June.

South Patrick Community Park

Parks & Recreation South Area stated they had assessed the tree and shrubbery growth along the Park walkways. Some vegetation is present along the Park walkways, and although it was not currently interfering with walking or riding a bicycle, Jerry Gust, the Parks Maintenance Superintendent for South Area, stated that he would trim the shrubs. There is a new Park supervisor.

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Brevard Utilities: In May, RedZone Robotics assessed locations in the SPRA area to determine the condition of the County sewer lines. In the past few weeks, Proline has been out cleaning sewer lines that had been assessed by RedZone Robotics, and most recently, Insituform has been relining sewer lines that require this type of maintenance that will keep the sewer lines intact and reduce leakage. Lining, repair, and cleaning efforts will continue as per the County's scheduling. There has already been a significant amount of pipe relining along the South Beaches that was completed after the 2016/2017 hurricanes. Now RedZone is giving the County a better idea of where efforts should be focused to ensure that County infrastructure is in good working order. Crews are moving rather well through the assigned work, so we expect them to be issuing more work orders in the near future. Utilities is currently reviewing initial findings and the sewer lining contractor is following behind the RedZone crews to immediately address the most critical areas.

Wastewater Facility Capacity: Current figures from Brevard Utilities regarding the Melbourne Beach wastewater facility for current usage and capacity have been requested. If areas along the beach continue to build upward to greater heights, those that will connect to the south facility will bring increasing concerns about capacity. Who will be





ultimately responsible for ensuring that these treatment facilities are not overburdened? Residents, wherever they live on the island, understand that capacity issues impact us all, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. What about future plans for additional capacity at the existing Melbourne Beach facility or for building an additional facility? And where would such a new facility be located? Decision-making cannot be made in a vacuum regarding these issues, and responsibility must be taken for choosing to add to facility capacity, for we know that dumping raw sewage into our waterways has created enormous, negative impacts for the Lagoon.

FLORIDA STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Everglades Reservoir Project:

After an Executive Order from Governor Ron DeSantis, The

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has expedited the construction of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project by 18 months. The District has submitted permit applications to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to begin clearing a 700 foot wide strip of land for the project. This will be the site of the proposed EAA Reservoir Project, which encompasses about 690 acres. This work will prepare the land to build a canal and perimeter levee for the project's stormwater treatment area. The canal will feed water diverted from Lake Okeechobee through existing canals into the 240,000 acre-foot reservoir and stormwater treatment area. The proposed A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) will treat and cleanse water before it is sent to the Southern Everglades. The 690 acres needed for this project is currently leased by the Florida



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Crystals Corporation for agricultural use. In letters written to SFWMD, Florida Crystals committed to ensuring the District has access to leased land to expedite this critical restoration work. The District expects to receive the permits and complete the preparation work for the levee and canal by the end of the year, allowing crews to start excavating the intake canal in 2020. Once the levee, canal and STA are complete, SFWMD can use the STA to cleanse southbound water even before the reservoir itself is completed. The EAA Reservoir is expected to send an annual average of 370,000 additional acre-feet of clean water south to the Southern Everglades. It will also reduce the number of damaging discharge events from Lake Okeechobee to the northern estuaries by 63% when used in conjunction with other projects. <u>sfwmd.gov/eaareservoir</u> **HB 7071: Workforce Education** will help promote career readiness and workforce opportunities for students and working adults, with the goal of helping to ensure alignment between Florida's education and workforce needs. This was signed into law by Gov. DeSantis.

NATURE CALLS - RATS IN THE ATTIC By Rick Mariani, SPRA VP

Homes infested with rats are not safe to live in and won't sell or rent well. Rats spread diseases and do damage, by chewing through insulation, soft metals, fillers, and wires. Rats also reproduce rapidly with four to six litters per year consisting of six to eight pups each. One female rat may produce 40 plus new rats in a single year. According to local rodent control experts, as it gets cooler, rats look



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to make their winter quarters in your house, right here in South Patrick Shores. Rats are smart, and if they do survive a trap, they often learn and won't go back for the bait again. You may think you have no rat problems, after all, the fourlegged mouse police (cats) are nocturnal. But, unless you have rodent-proofed your house, where there are no outside wall holes larger than a quarter, they will come right back into your house for food - bird food, cat food, dog food, and human food – as well as for shelter. If you decide to seal your home against rat invasion, you will need to fill holes and gaps, preferably with hardware cloth, metal flashing, galvanized sheet metal, or concrete repairs. Also trim bushes and trees away from your home, and dispose of brush piles, as well as over- ripened fruit on trees and on the ground. Some people place peppermint oil on cotton balls at potential entry points or where they see signs of rat

droppings and then refresh the oil every few days. Others use mothballs in a permeable sack. However, mothball gas is poisonous to breathe, while replacing peppermint oil every few days is a tedious solution.

Besides rat-proofing your house, you must also exterminate the rats already living in your home. There are several factors to consider, such as the risks to one's family, pets, and other wildlife from self-set traps and poisons; the labor involved; precariously climbing on the roof to wire over vents; time and material costs of rat-proofing and trapping; and your lack of expertise in the extermination process. Hiring a professional rodent extermination/exclusion expert may be the best solution to your rat problem. If you keep your home professionally rat-proofed, it will benefit you and the community as well.





SATELLITE BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY Adults

Friday, August 2, 12:00pm, Friends book sort to help sort the donations; some lifting.

Saturday, August 3, 9:30am, Mindfulness Training, learn to develop concentration skills. Free.

Friday, August 9, 9:00am, Beachside Strummers Ukulele Club, drop in to listen or join in.

Children & Teens

Story times resume on **Wednesday & Thursday**, **September 4 & 5**.

Monday, August 5, 2:00pm Maker Monday, Space Race Ozobot & Sphero challenges, sign up; ages 8-12.

Wednesday, August 7, 3:30pm Junior Builders Club, building challenges featuring LEGO toys, ages 5+.





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AREA1 ►

JAYNA JENKINS • jjenkins@spranews.com

• Please send your nominations for Yard of the Month to jjenkins@spra.com

• No new issues to report in the area.

AREA 2 ►

KREATHA HASTON • khaston@spranews.com

- Yards submitted for YOM are appreciated.
- Get involved in your SPRA community.

AREA 3 ►

RICK MARIANI interim • 501-4080 • rmariani@spranews.com

• Send in nominations for YOM.

• It's never too late to send in your Membership Dues, either online on the SPRA website or by mail.

AREA 4 ►

MARILYNN COLLINS • 773-8490 • mcollins@spranews.com KREATHA HASTON • khaston@spranews.com

• The County asks that residents do not park in the Lake Shepard median at the west end on the concrete slab, as that is County lift-station property. The County will be placing a No Parking sign, which means the Sheriff will enforce no parking at that location.

• The County is working on placing Yield Signs along Coral Reef, rather than at the South Waterway entrance, to ensure safety for pedestrians and drivers.

• You are invited to attend a SPRA meeting and to send in recommendations for Yard of the Month.

AREA 5 🕨

KELLI PETRONE • kpetrone@spranews.com • 321-693-9043

• The planting of three, 30 gallon Christmas palms, thanks to County assistance, was accomplished at the North Waterway entrance median. Several Schefflera plants, to fill in the brick planter areas at the entrance, were planted by the entire Petrone family.

• The new signs at the east end of Skylark include a Neighborhood Watch sign and a No Soliciting sign, to discourage uninvited visitors and door-to-door sales in our area.

• The road right of way area at the end of Skylark along the Grand Canal is being discussed. And residents have given us input about their concerns with regard to unwanted congregation at the site, along with the desire to make the area look neater and less cluttered for all residents.

• Please contact me with any information, issues, questions, or if you would like to nominate a yard of the month.

AREA 6 ►

DONNA MORRIS • 321-253-2305 • dmorris@spranews.com

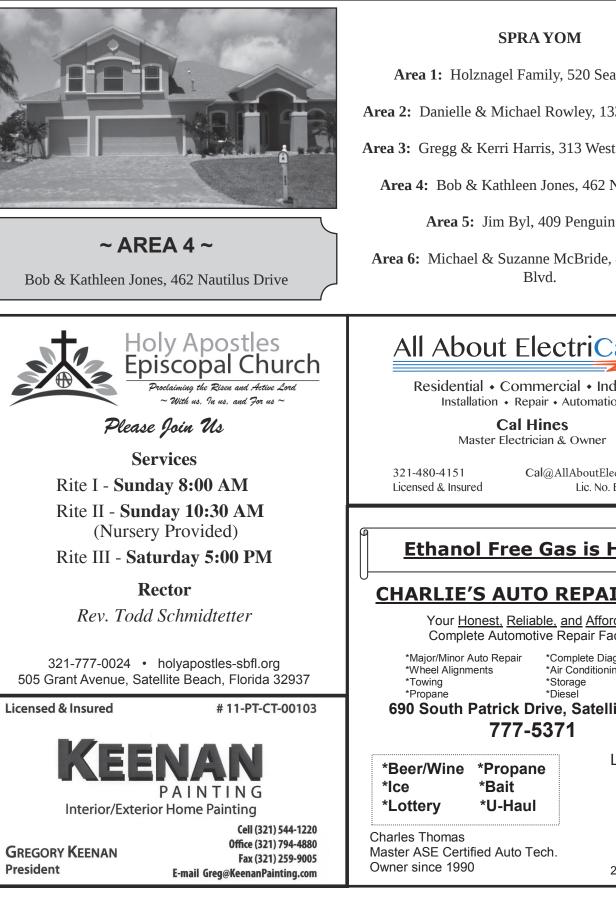
- Please submit YOM nominations.
- No new concerns to report.



Yard of the Month winners are entitled to a FREE MOWER BLADE SHARPENING courtesy of A-1-A Lawnmower Shop. Be sure to bring the newsletter with you when you visit the shop. Please contact your Area Director to nominate a yard for Yard of the Month.

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Area 1: Holznagel Family, 520 Sea Gull Drive

Area 2: Danielle & Michael Rowley, 133 SE Third Stree

Area 3: Gregg & Kerri Harris, 313 West Arlington Street

Area 4: Bob & Kathleen Jones, 462 Nautilus Drive

Area 5: Jim Byl, 409 Penguin Drive

Area 6: Michael & Suzanne McBride, 412 Port Royal

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