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President's Corner by Maurice Boudreau

Welcome Everyone in 32952

Last month we changed our By-Laws to include all homes in the 32952 zip code as potential members of our East Merritt Island Home Owners Association. Please let everyone you know that lives within this zip code that they are welcome to join our organization. I'll be spreading the word by inviting Condo Associations that reside in this zip code.

Also decided is that we will be billing on an annual basis for all members and if you join between now and the end of the year you will be fully paid up until the end of 2016. Billing for current members will be going out in January and members will be billed on a prorated basis. Annual Membership is just \$15.00 per household.

As Thanksgiving is around the corner, we want to give thanks to all our members for being a part of our EMIHOA. Our goal is to bring more of our community together so we can enjoy our incredible lifestyle here in Merritt Island, FL as a group.

Veterans Memorial Center Update

The new access road to the Veterans Memorial Center and Museum is now open. District II Roads and Bridges and the Parks and Recreation Department did a remarkable job of rerouting Sykes Creek Boulevard after the expansion ground breaking recently.



If you have not visited this 80 Acre Park recently, you are in for a treat. Go south on Sykes Creek Parkway until it enters the park and enjoy the exhibits, memorials to all of the US conflicts, aircraft, vehicles and many artifacts in the museum. A \$1.5 million expansion will house additional displays and will be completed by July 2016.

Scheduled meetings for 2015-2016

Scheduled meetings for 2015-2016 are listed below (meeting time 7:00 p.m.): We're looking for Speakers for Future Meetings; Does your Organization have an interest in Merritt Island? Would you like to speak at one of our meetings?

September 8th 2015

October 13th 2015

November 10th 2015 Speakers: Brevard Sheriff Office Rep; Keep Brevard Beautiful Rep

January 12th 2016

February 9th 2016

March 8th 2016

April 12th 2016

May 10th 2016—Annual Meeting

Newsletters are mailed to paid members 8 times a year and to Merritt Island Residents twice a year. If you would like to sponsor or advertise your Merritt Island business or post an announcement, contact Ben @ Ben@ReelEstateBrevard.com

All meetings are held at the Lighthouse Christian Church at 1250 North Banana River Drive. Please attend if you are able. Minutes from the meetings will be made available on EMIHOA.org after each meeting.

Audubon Elementary Book Fair Oct 2015



President "Minion Moe" at the Audubon Elementary School Book Fair. Monsters were the theme of the evening. Families took photos of their children with "real" monster "Minion Moe" and everyone had fun at this educational event. As a community, we need to show our support for our children because they are the future!

President Minion Moe & Audubon's Media Specialist Kathy Crisafulli

Fall Safety Tip!

Smoke Detectors:

With the recent time change, it is a good time to change the batteries on your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries and to make sure they are in good working order. Almost six thousand lives are lost every year due to residential fires. Most of these deaths are from smoke inhalation. Of these deaths, three fifths occur in homes without working smoke detectors. Because the majority of fatal fires occur at night when people are sleep, working smoke detectors can mean the difference between life and death. Smoke detectors sound an early warning if there is a fire, waking people before they are overcome by smoke and giving them time to escape. Some important facts to remember:

- Only properly functioning smoke and carbon monoxide detectors can alert you and your family.
- Never disable a detector by removing the battery.
- Test all detectors monthly and install new batteries in the spring and fall when your change the time on your clocks.
- Clean your detectors regularly without removing the detector covers
- Don't paint detectors
- Replace detectors that are more than 10 years old.

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For area information and EMIHOA updates

Upcoming Current Events:

Space Coast State Fair Oct 29-Nov 15

Lighthouse Church Annual Rummage Sale Nov 14th

Do you have an upcoming event you would like us to mention in a future newsletter? Let us know.

GoFundMe Campaign Launched For Port Rail Digging

Those of you that have been following have seen the work and the progress that myself, Alex Gorichky and Sue Ford have been making in exposing the lies and deception spread by the Canaveral Port Authority under soon-to-be-terminated CEO John Walsh.

But the work is far from done. We have a ton of other public records requests in process or about to be filed. And they add up. In order to allow concerned citizens to contribute to this type of impact-producing, independent investigative journalism I have started a GoFundMe campaign. Every little bit counts, especially when there are lots of little bits.

Anything helps whether it's \$5 or \$100. You'll also find an informative video on the rail that I produced for the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast. Visit www.gofundme.com/portrail to donate. - Ted Lund

Port Canaveral Rail Project Update

Your President and many more people in our community have been working hard to stop the Port Rail Project from destroying our way of life. Our efforts have not gone unnoticed. **10/28/15** Commissioners today authorized staff to ask the Surface Transportation Board (STB) for a temporary pause in the review process of the Port Canaveral Rail Extension Project while the Port team works with the Gilbane-Renault-Larkin-MARS Group to study a rail route through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Operational and environmental issues are part of the consideration of a route through Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. With the help of the Gilbane-Renault-Larkin-MARS Group, CPA will be addressing these challenges to find an alignment that the STB can consider in its environmental study.

In a separate action, the commission also voted to authorize CPA staff to enter into a joint endeavor with the Gilbane-Renault Larkin-MARS Group to pursue an Extended Use Lease (EUL) with the Air Force for portions of its Middle Basin property.

After the STB has issued its final scope of study, determining which routes will move forward with an extensive environmental review, it then will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). At that time, there will be public opportunities for comment regarding the draft EIS and the various routes.

The Port Authority will make no final decision on whether to proceed with rail until the completion of the STB process.

This public/private endeavor has been working for a couple of years to put the existing rail line to use and use a wide available swath of land to expand on the cargo operations at the Port. This route has been our goal right from the beginning because it has the least destructive impact on our lagoon and our environment. Thanks to the continued support from our community leaders and interested parties we feel very strongly that our voices have been heard and answered.

Maurice J Boudreau

Please weigh in on with your opinion to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) yourself at http://www.portcanaveralraileis.com/documents/efiling_directions.pdf (docket FD-35852 Attn. of: Dave Navecky) One issue per comment.

For more information or to sign the petition opposing the Port Canaveral rail project, visit:
<http://stopportcanaveralrailextension.com/>

For Port Canaveral's Project Website & EIS, visit – <http://www.portcanaveralraileis.com/>

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Yearly Membership is \$15.00 Per Family

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