



East Merritt Island
Homeowners Association Since 1963

THE HOMEOWNERS' NEWS



This year marks our **60th anniversary**. For all of you that don't know what we're about, we started as an association that could bring Merritt Island together. We don't take care of zoning issues or anything else that would cause someone to not want to be a part of our organization. A mere \$15 per year per family, you get to ***experience neighbors coming together to help each other and providing valuable updates on what's going on in Merritt Island.*** We'd like to be around for another 60 years, but that takes your participation. If you are not already a member, please fill out the form included in this Newsletter or come to one of our meetings that we have every 3rd Tuesday of the month. **See you at our next meeting April 18th.**

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Good Day Everyone,

This month we have our District 2 Commissioner, Tom Goodson coming to our April meeting. He will be available for questions and answers on what the County is doing this year. Hopefully we'll have a good crowd that will be respectful and attentive.

Laurie Crooks, our new Secretary has been in the hospital getting some spinal surgery. She is now in Sea Pines Rehab learning how to walk again. I know we all wish her well wishes and a quick recovery.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, we discussed issues we want to work on this year. It is our hope that we can make great strides in our community and bring about positive changes in our government.

In future meetings, we would like to bring in speakers that can inform and educate our members. If anyone has someone they think would be good to hear from, the dates are open right now. I hope to invite some members of CAMI to our May meeting to explain who they are and what they hope to bring to Merritt Island.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, April 18th.

Maurice J Boudreau, President



Join us at our monthly meetings (excluding June, July, August & December)

MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 18th at the Lighthouse Church, 1250 N Banana River Dr

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LOCAL FLORIDA ROAD NEWS

SR 528 Causeway

There have been a number of neighbors that have expressed concerns about the activities on the sides of the 528 causeway. Increasing numbers of vehicles stopping along the highway increases risks of accidents, ugly trash on the roadsides and in the water which affects our recreation, and the erosion of the causeways themselves.

A quick look at SR 520

shows that it has been designed and managed in a way that prevents and limits these same issues. It has been suggested that we make phone calls, write letters and email our Florida state legislators and FDOT to bring enough attention to this issue that it becomes a higher priority for them.

Senator Debbie Mayfield, 900 E Strawbridge Ave, Melbourne • (321) 409-2025

Representative Tyler I. Sirois, 260 N Tropical Trail, Ste 206, Merritt Island • (321) 449-5111

FDOT District 5, Jeanne Feeney
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UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION

There will be many improvements made in the near future on SR 520 in Cocoa between Aurora St (west of US 1) and the Hubert Humphrey Causeway across the IRL. Changes will be made to the design, road surface, curbs, as well as the pedestrian and bike lanes. SR 528 between US 1 and SR 3 / Courtenay will be resurfaced and have other upgrades and improvements to the design and drainage.

For the latest dates for these projects and other information, go to <http://cflroads.com> and choose Brevard.

APRIL IS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

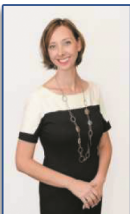
The St. Johns River Water Management District believes that water is a basic and essential need of every living creature, and that clean and sustainable water resources are vital to Florida's environment, economy and quality of life. The district is working with the state, other water management districts, local governments and water supply utilities to increase awareness about the importance of water conservation and to increase efforts to conserve water.

- sjrwmd.com/water-conservation/

STATE LEGISLATURE NEWS

HB 1489/ SB 1686 Designation of Brevard Barrier Island Area as Area of Critical State Concern This would designate the southern barrier island of Brevard County as an Area of Critical State Concern to protect the coastal ecosystem including Lagoon water quality restoration, reducing nutrient contributions, nature based solutions, and safeguarding against diverse economic, social, environmental, and public health and safety impacts. - 1000fof.org
Rep. Sirois & Sen. Mayfield's contact info is in the newsletter.

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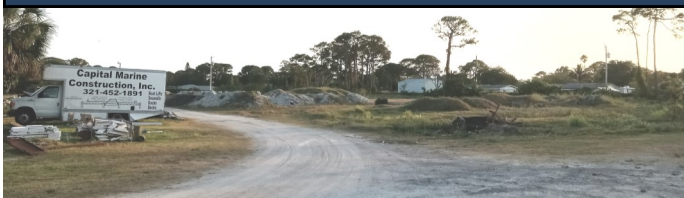
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT MARKER 24?



yachts fill most of the slips, including several belonging to a Freedom Boat Club franchise.

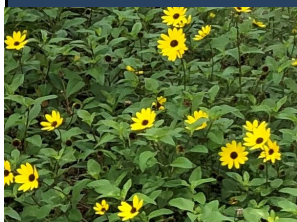
The original partners, both based in Vero Beach, have divided the property between Marker 24 Marina LLC and Marker 24 Development LLC, the latter owning a large tract west of the yacht basin now used for boat storage. *By Bob Wise*



When an established marina on South Banana River Drive became the Marker 24 Marina in 2018, the new owners planned a "lifestyle community and marina" with 24 upscale homes and a private waterfront clubhouse, centered on a full service marina. Five years on, the marina stays busy, but only one home has been completed, with another under construction.

The marina hosts a popular waterfront restaurant with live entertainment, catering to boat traffic. Large

SPRING FLOWERS



If you didn't see Sally Scaleria's article in Florida Today on 3/25, here are a few highlights. Our local native bees are more effective pollinators so it makes sense to plant more native flowers to attract and sustain them.

They also don't sting like the European honeybees and live alone with small individual nests, mostly underground. These "bumble bees pollinate many of our most common vegetables."

Choose sunny areas in your yard for native flowering plants & if you must use pesticides contact the extension office for the safest methods.

Her top native flower recommendations: Solidago stricta & S.sempervirens (goldenrods), Helianthus (sunflowers), Heterotheca subaxillaris (false goldenrod), Chrysopsis (goldenaster), Coreopsis (tickseed), Rudbeckia hirta (Coneflower) and more.

The keystone species Helianthus debilis, East Coast dune sunflower, will provide year-round flowers in dry locations without irrigation.

For more information on this topic email the UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardeners at brevard-mg1@ifas.ufl.edu

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