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Good Day Everyone,

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Secretary, Laurie Crooks and Vice President, Bob Case for the Board of Directors for EMIHOA. Both of them have written a short Bio as an introduction. In addition, Bob Case has offered to stay on top of zoning issues in Merritt Island. I also have Seb Perin who has agreed to stay on top of the Septic to Sewer project and be our source of information going forward.

I'm trying to create a more informed organization and I encourage everyone to bring more information forward for us if you know something is going on. In this way, we can keep track of our community issues and where our members can look to us for more information.

I would also like to introduce a new organization that I just became a member of so that our organizations can work towards a common goal. They are calling it CAMI which stands for Community Advocacy for Merritt Island. We'll hear more about it in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting, February 21st.

Maurice J Boudreau, President EMIHOA



EMIHOA MEETING DATES:

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

Meetings at: Lighthouse Church, 1250 N Banana Drive, MI

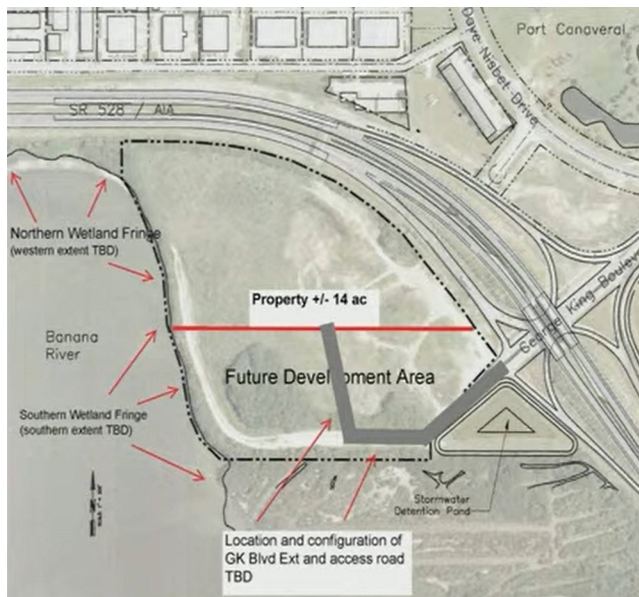
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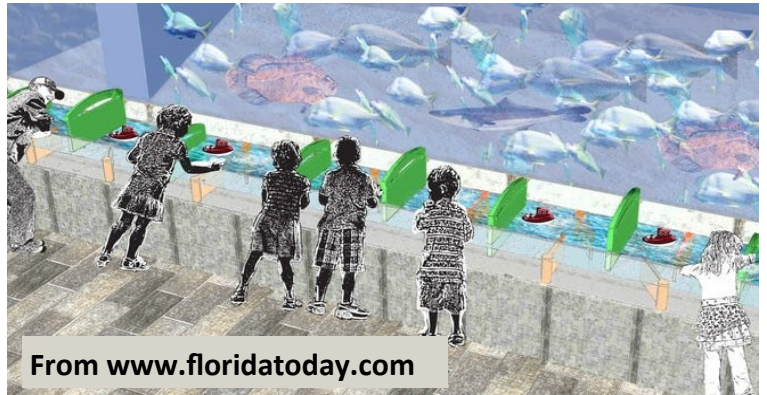
OUR LEGACY—THE BREVARD ZOO'S AQUARIUM PROPOSAL

The East Coast Zoological Society with the Brevard Zoo is planning on developing a 14 acre plot in Cape Canaveral along the Banana River to make a state-of-the-art Aquarium and Conservation Center. The land is adjacent to the port and is an ideal area to which people who are cruising can go after they turn in their luggage, go after their trip, or go should they just decide to stay in Brevard awhile. The site will emphasize conservation of our valuable resources such as the Indian River, the Atlantic Ocean, and the St. John's River. It will become the second Brevard Zoo campus for sea turtle and manatee rehabilitation, help which the current facilities are not large enough to handle readily. It will be user friendly with hands-on experiences for children and families.

(<https://www.ourlegacycampaign.org/>)



From www.OrlandoSentinel.com



The stated goals are to:

- Educate with innovative programs that connect the observers with nature
- Expand the shoreline efforts and other restoration programs to save the Indian River Lagoon
- Strengthen the zoo's superior care for its animals with up-to-date veterinary technologies and expansion for rehabilitation and release facilities
- Create 900 jobs and increase property values
- Contribute an \$85 million economic impact
- Enhance our region's ability to attract and retain a high-wage high-talent work force

The project will cost \$100 million and now \$54 million has been secured and promised. Obviously, more money needs to be donated, and as a concerned Brevard community, the project hopes we will all become involved financially and physically as volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to add to the positives of the Brevard Space Coast, i.e., the Kennedy Space Center, the Cruise Ship Industry, and tourism. Now there will be a learning conservation center where our marine life will be visible and protected. Check out the website above to see pictures, ways to participate, and please, get involved!



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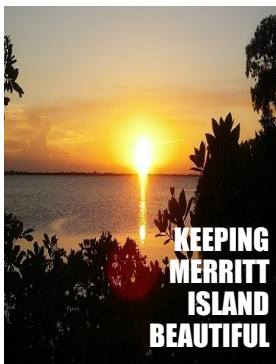
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WELCOME OUR NEW VP & SECRETARY • HERE ARE THEIR BIOS

Bob Wise is a former software engineer who joined Harris in Melbourne in 1981 & retired from Northrop-Grumman in 2010. He served in the Army during 1967-69, earned a master's in Geography at the University of Florida & did further graduate study at the University of Wisconsin. During his last years at Northrop-Grumman, he developed background maps & imagery for the Joint STARS workstation.

Bob and Kae Wise were married in 1972. They live in a canal home in Ridge Manor with two elderly cats. They volunteer at the King Center & as feeders for the feral cats at Jetty Park. They also help to feed a feral colony near their neighborhood. Their two daughters live within easy driving distance, as do their four grandchildren & two great-grandchildren.

Laurie Crooks, a former Atlantan-Chicagoan, I moved to Merritt Island because of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge & perceived local and national environmental concerns. I settled in Island Crossings & have joined the Brevard Zoo's Legacy Program to build a state-of-the-art aquarium in Cape Canaveral. Also, I have become active in the MRC & Sea Turtle Preservation Society as a volunteer.

Along with these organizations, I became terribly concerned with the possible construction of a hotel basically across the street from my house. The EMIHOA publicized the problem & meetings to address it. At that time, I decided it would be a good idea to join the group & to help out in whatever way I could. So, I did.

My education & training background: Northwestern University B.A., University of Georgia M.A., MEd, Georgia State University MLS, EDS. ATEEG Certification (Advanced Training in Environmental Education in Georgia), Facilitator for Project Learning Tree, Project Wet, Adopt-a-Stream, Project Wild, Monarchs Across Georgia, and Garden Earth Naturalist. Board Member of Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia, Monarchs Across Georgia, & Odyssey of the Mind of Georgia.

I was a teacher of high school gifted humanities (English, Art, Music, & Social Studies) in Illinois and Georgia for twenty-five years & then a school media specialist for eight years. During those years I was


team leader, yearbook editor, newspaper editor, cheerleading coach, dance team coach, Sponsor of Junior Master Gardener, Odyssey of the Mind, Model U.N., Adopt a Stream, National Honor Society and Beta Club. I was Teacher of the Year twice, DeKalb County Media Specialist of the Year once, and DeKalb County Chamber of Commerce Community Leader twice. In addition, I have successfully written grants for basic school supplies, environmental concerns, library equipment, and school facility improvement.

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