



East Merritt Island  
Homeowners Association Since 1963

# THE HOMEOWNERS' NEWS

*This year marks our 60th anniversary! We were created as an organization to work together to **protect our East Merritt Island neighborhoods**. A new Merritt Island organization has been created for "engaging & connecting through the arts, conservation, beautification, & civic growth." We have asked CAMI, Community Advocacy For Merritt Island, to speak on their "belief that we all have an inherent responsibility to make a meaningful difference in our community."*

*Please consider joining EMI HOA and participating. Positions are OPEN and our next meeting is on*

**TUESDAY, SEPT 19th at 7pm.**

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Good Day Everyone,

Welcome back to our fall meeting schedule. It's been a long hot summer, but hopefully you all survived it. As some of you may have heard, there's been a very heated discussion over the Feasibility Study that was just recently completed. I'll have a statement a little later in this newsletter.

District 2 Commissioner, Tom Goodson has been doing his best to help us keep sanity during this summer. We appreciate his standing by his word to remain impartial during the heated arguments. This fall and spring we will be doing our best to educate and inform the community on what's going on and how we can help keep our community safe and secure and prosperous. Your assistance in that regard will be sorely needed. Lisa Ruckman is contacting a number of speakers to update us on programs happening in our area and what we can do to potentially help spread the word with your neighbors and friends.

I am planning on this being my last year as President of the EMIHOA. I've put in 10 years and I think it's time we get some new blood. Since we have elections in May if anyone is thinking they would like to take a shot at running this Association, please feel free to step forward. I'm hoping with some new directors that we can bring about some positive changes going forward.

For the meeting in Sept, we have invited a returning Speaker to talk about the Right to Clean Water initiative. Darlene Hillers will be the guest speaker. [Floridarighttocleanwater.org](http://Floridarighttocleanwater.org)

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you at the **next meeting, September 19th.**

*Maurice J Boudreau, President*

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

**MEETING TUESDAY, SEPT 19th** at the Lighthouse Church, 1250 N Banana River Dr

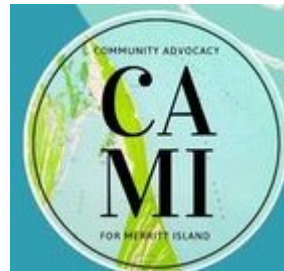
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# "BRINGING BACK OUR BLUE LAGOON"



**Mission:** To improve the Indian River Lagoon by reducing excess nitrogen & Phosphorus pollution, removing loads of pollution, & restoring natural filtration systems.



Community Advocacy for Merritt Island - CAMI is with One Lagoon - Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program and 2 others at Brevard Veterans Memorial Center on September 21st. CAMI is excited to welcome each of these organizations to present at our September 21st event: "Bringing Back Our Blue Lagoon." @saveourlagoon, @onelagoon, and the @marineresourcescouncil will be on hand to discuss the current and future health of the Indian River Lagoon. We encourage you to visit their websites to find out more about the current state of the Indian River Lagoon and the efforts that these organization's are making.

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## KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN

The Annual Coastal Cleanup this year is Saturday, Sept 16. "Water has a cyclical nature, which means that anything we are putting into our oceans & other water bodies will come back to us sooner or later & minute plastic particles are already showing up in our food & water." For some cleanup sites go to the KBB event page. <https://keepbrevardbeautiful.org/event/international-coastal-cleanup>

At the height of hurricane season it's ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN and on the streets. It costs our Lagoon and costs us dollars when plant cuttings are placed too close to the street or on top of storm drains. Place cut pieces in the designated bin for weekly pickup or chop them smaller for mulch under plants or place the parts in your compost pile/bin.

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## EMIHOA 2022—2023 Year in Review

Last September we discussed concerns about the garbage that is left around the SR 528 causeway & recreation happening on the shoulder of the highway. So far we have had no response from legislators or other state officials.

Detailed information about the neighborhood Septic to Sewer projects was given in the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon presentation. A later Update on our septic-sewer conversion projects shows the sewer line to arrive in 2025. Keep up to date on their website <https://brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>

Two board members were added to the East Merritt Island HOA, Bob Wise as Vice President & Laurie Crooks as Secretary.

We had a speaker that gave us an update on the progress of the Aquarium to be built near the port area. Fundraising continues & the drawings of the plans for the campus can be seen on their website or social media pages. <https://theaquariumproject.org/>

In April our District 2 Commissioner spoke to us at our meeting and promised to look into the condition of the bridges on N Banana River Dr. His office got back to us with the schedule of the estimated bridge study completions (Dec 2023). Repair work over the bridges has since occurred over the summer months!

## FEASIBILITY STUDY

MIPC was formed back in Feb, 2023. While I originally had formed the Committee to seek a FS, I did not like the way this new PAC shaped the discussion. I have since resigned from the PAC and will no longer be involved with MIPC. More discussion at the Sept 19th meeting.

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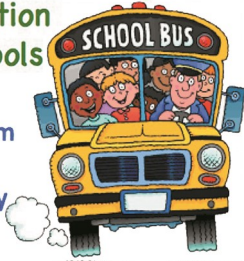
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**TUESDAY THE 19TH AT 7PM**  
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