



East Merritt Island
Homeowners Association Since 1963
This year marks our 60th anniversary!

THE HOMEOWNERS' NEWS

October 17th speaker:

Kelly Cover-Hough, D2 Dredging Committee chair, Brevard Marine Advisory Council, VP of Citizens For Florida's Waterways, and the Governor appointed Boating Advisory Council. A local business owner, resident of Brevard since 1985, waterfront home owner and an avid boater, she has dedicated the last 28 years of her life to ensuring that our younger generation will have a lagoon that is safe to use for years to come. She is currently working to secure additional funding from the State to help with the cost of dredging the residential canals of Merritt Island.

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Good Day Everyone,

At the September meeting I had a chance to speak to the Feasibility Study issue and how it came to pass. After going through the timeline, I proceeded to answer questions from the audience. The meeting was very enlightening from my perspective as I anticipated more of a heated discussion than occurred. I was also floored by the response when I asked the question of whether the audience wanted to learn more about the Study. It was an almost unanimous vote to proceed with more discussion down the road.

The other Speaker was Darlene Hillers from the Floridarighttoclean-water.org. After many questions and a discussion about her representation of the organization, we passed out information and petitions to get signed. It is part of our mandate to educate our members on issues that are germane to their well-being. We will continue to try and bring Speakers that can provide valuable information to our members.

In the coming months we will be bringing Speakers that have come before to give us an update on important subjects. Our objective is to ensure that our members have the opportunity to keep informed and benefit from the good things that are happening on our side of the Island. In turn, we hope the members will keep coming to our meetings and participate in the flow of information for the benefit of our members.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you at the **next meeting, October 17th.**

Maurice J Boudreau, President



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

MEETING TUESDAY, OCT 17th at the Lighthouse Church, 1250 N Banana River Dr

OCTOBER, 2023

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Spade & Trowel Garden Club 48 Annual Christmas Home Tour

After a 3 year hiatus due to Covid & its aftermath, the Spade and Trowel Garden Club is once again looking forward, this year, to our 48th Annual Christmas Home Tour. As you know, this is an annual event to raise funds for reputable charitable organizations in Brevard County. They are Life Recaptured (an organization that assists victims of sexual exploitation), Candlelighters of Brevard (provide families with children stricken with cancer, financial assistance), & Walk on Water Horse Ministry, an organization assisting children with special needs and veterans suffering from PTSD. The Spade and Trowel Garden Club will be hosting their 48th Annual Home Tour on Wednesday, November 15,

2023, from 10AM to 4PM. There are two spectacular riverfront homes for your viewing pleasure, located on South Tropical Trail in Merritt Island, FL. There will be free refreshments for all attendees. Also, there will be a bake sale and arts and crafts sale. Ticket prices are \$20.00 in advance, & \$25.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the following businesses: Sugars Hair Salon located at 1695 S. Courtenay, Merritt Island; Meehan's Office Supply at 900 E. New Haven Ave., Melbourne, FL; Candlelighters of Brevard at 436 5th Avenue, Indialantic, FL, and Cabanas Boutique at 2275 N. Courtenay, Merritt Island, FL. For additional information please call 321-750-7509 or 321-704-0165."

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COMMENTS REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDY

On Tue Sept. 19, 2023 I made a presentation of the facts surrounding the Feasibility Study & how it came to pass. I also noted that while there were errors in the Study, the financial portion was extremely enlightening. If you follow this link, it will bring you to several documents that the Brevard Commissioners approved on Aug 8th. Please keep in mind that the map was wrong & the population numbers were wrong. Hopefully these minor errors will be fixed in the future & we will have a completely accurate document. I hope to bring more clarity in the future to what the process of incorporating would mean to a town of Merritt Island.

By Maurice Boudreau

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SO, YOUR FLOWERS LOOK SAD, SPENT, OR DEAD...

- Clean out the dead or dying stuff.
- Prepare or redo your mulch.
- Heap 2” to 3” of mulch.
- Decide what to plant. vegetables, flowers, trees, or all 3?
- Will you be starting with seeds & then transplanting? If yes, now is the time to plant inside.

FALL VEGETABLE PLANTING GUIDE FOR CENTRAL FLORIDA

- Below are the vegetables & varieties that do well in central Florida & when to plant them. For the Transplant Ability column, vegetables marked with “I” are easy to transplant (aka – start indoors first), & those with “III” aren’t recom-

- mended for transplanting.
- Also included is a column for when to plant everything. Select a small plant starter OR
- Grow indoors for a month before transplanting outdoors.

FLOWERS

- Know if you have a high salt content in your soil – Extension office – The amount of salt in your soil will determine what you can grow.
- Lots of colorful Annuals: Impatiens, Petunias, Geraniums, Snapdragons, Pansies,
- Coleus (lots of color), Caladiums, Kale – Sun, Shade, Part Sun-Part Shade –
- Check instructions

- Some of the Many Perennials: Plumbago, Coral Honeysuckle, Mexican Sage, Firebush,
- Clerodendrum (Blue Butterfly Plant, Coreopsis, Bolivian Sunset Gloxinia, Canna)
- Coneflower, Gaillardia, Zinnias, Lantana, Butterfly Bush, Verbena – All of these are sun lovers ~ Add 2-3 Fertilizer, Water frequently
- **FLOWERING TREES**
- Some native trees to check out: Loblolly-bay, Magnolias, Flatwoods Plum, Chickasaw Plum, & Carolina Laurel-cherry
- Beauty Berry

Crop	Variety	pH Level	When I'm Planting	Planting	Days to Harvest	Transplant Ability
Brussels Sprouts	Jade Cross, Long Island Improved	6.0-6.5	Indoor July	Sept–Feb	90–120 (70–90)	I
Eggplant	Black Beauty, Dusky, Long, Ichiban, Cloud Nine (white)	5.5-6.0	Indoor July	Jan–Feb Aug–Sept	90–115 (70–90)	I
Peppers	Sweet: California Wonder, Red Knight, Big Bertha, Sweet Banana, Giant Marconi, Cubanelle Hot: Early Jalapeno, Jalapeno M; Cherry Bomb, Hungarian Hot Wax, Big Chile II, Mariachi, Numex, Ancho, Thai, Anaheim Chile, Long Cayenne, Habanero, Caribbean Red Habanero	5.5-6.0	Indoor July	Jan–Mar Aug–Sept	90–100 (65–75)	I
Pumpkin	Howden, Big Max, Connecticut Field, Prizewinner, Jack Be Little, Jack O Lantern, calabaza	6.0-7.0	July	Mid July	80–100 (70–90)	III
Tomatoes	Heirloom: Green Zebra, Cherokee Purple, Eva Purple Ball, Brandywine, Mortgage Lifter, Delicious	6.0-6.8	Indoor July	Jan–Feb Aug–Sept	90–110 (70–90)	I
Beans	Snap: Bush Blue Lake, Contender, Roma II, Provider, Cherokee Wax	6.0-6.8	August	Feb–Apr Aug–Sept	45–60	III
Beets	Tall Top, Early Wonder, Detroit Dark Red, Cylindra, Red Ace, Yellow Detroit	6.0-6.8	Indoor August	Sept–Feb	50–70	I
Broccoli	Early Green, Early Dividend, Green Sprouting/Calabrese, Waltham, Packman, De Cicco, Broccoli Raab (Rapini)	6.0-6.5	Indoor August	Sept–Feb	75–90 (50–70)	I
Cabbage	Rio Verde, Flat Dutch, Round Dutch, Wakefield types, Copenhagen Market, Savoy, Red Acre	6.0 - 7.5	Indoor August	Sept–Feb	85–110 (70–90)	I
Carrots	Imperator, Nantes, Danvers, Chantenay	5.5-7.0	August	Aug–Mar	70–120	II
Cauliflower	Snowball Strains, Snow Crown, Brocoverde	5.5-7.5	Indoor August	Sept–Feb	75–90 (50–70)	I
Celery	Utah strains	6.0-7.0	Indoor August	Sept–Mar	75–90	II
Chinese cabbage	Michihili, bok choy, Napa, baby bok choy, pak-choi, joi choi	6.0-7.5	Indoor August	Sept–Apr	70–90 (60–70)	I
Lettuce	Butterhead: Ermosa, Bibb, Tom Thumb, Buttercrunch Loose Leaf: Simpson types, Salad Bowl, Red Sails, New Red Fire, Oak Leaf, Salad Bowl, Royal Oak	6.0-7.5	Indoor August	Sept–Feb	60–80	I
Onions, Bunching	Evergreen Bunching, White Lisbon Bunching, Shallots	6-6.5	August	Aug–Mar	50–75 (green) 75–100 (shallots)	III
Squash, Summer	Summer: Early Prolific Straightneck, Summer Crookneck, Early White Scallop, chayote, Zucchini: Cocozelle, Spineless Beauty, Black Beauty, Chayote, Calabaza	5.5-6.8	August	Jan–Apr Aug–Sept	40–50	III
Squash, Winter	Spaghetti, Table King, Table Queen & Table Ace (Acorn), Waltham, Early Butternut (butternut)	5.5-6.8	August	Jan–Apr Aug–Sept	85–120	III
Swiss Chard	Bright Lights, Bright Yellow, Fordhook Giant, Lucullus, Red Ruby	6.0-7.0	Indoor August	Sept–May	45–60	I
Cucumbers	Slicers: Sweet Success, Poinsett, Ashley, MarketMore 76, Straight Eight, Space Master Picklers: Eureka, Boston Pickling	5.5-7.5	September	Jan–Mar Sept	40–65	III
Kale	Vates Dwarf Blue Curled, Tuscan (lacinato), Winterbor, Redbor	6.0-7.5	September	Sept–Feb	50–70	I
Kohlrabi	Early White Vienna, Purple Vienna	6.0-7.5	Indoor September	Oct–Mar	70–80 (50–55)	I
Mustard	Southern Giant Curled, Florida Broad Leaf, Tendergreen, Giant Red, Green Wave, Mizuna	6.0-7.5	September	Sept–Feb	40–50	II
Radish	Cherry Belle, White Icicle, Sparkler, Champion, Daikon	6.0-7.0	September	Sept–Mar	20–30	III
Spinach	Melody 3, Bloomsdale Longstanding, Tyee, Space	6.0-7.5	September	Sept–Mar	45–60	II
Turnips	Purple Top White Globe	5.5-7.0	September	Sept–Feb	40–60	III
Onions, Bulbing	Granex (yellow)	6-6.5	October	Oct	100–130	III
Peas, Snow or English	Wando, Green Arrow, Sugar Snap, Oregon Sugarpod II	6.0-7.5	November	Nov–Feb	60–80	III
Potatoes, Irish	Red Pontiac, Yukon Gold, Gold Rush	4.5-6.0	November	Nov–Feb	85–110	II

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DERELICT BOATS IN THE LAGOON

We've all seen the abandoned boats increase in the Lagoon. Matt Culver, coordinator for Brevard County's Boating and Waterways Program, says, "Some are fully sunk and are hazards to navigation. Others are environmental hazards because they may leak fuels and chemicals. When they sink, they rip up the seagrass, which the fish need to survive."

Brevard's homeless often set up camp in boats that could sink at a moment's notice. Owners are responsible but "they are typically fixer-uppers someone bought without considering that it may take \$5,000 to bring them back to working condition," and are unable to afford the repairs or removal. [Quotes from Brevard Delivers] To report a vessel, call FWC 888-404-3922 or Brevard County at 321-633-7130.

To hear an in-depth conversation between Officer Brian Smith (Melbourne Marine Unit) and Matt Culver, go to <https://helphelagoon.org/> to listen to the Brevard IRL Coalition podcast "Derelict Boats in the IRL."