



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

THE HOMEOWNERS' NEWS

April 23rd speaker:

Our speaker this month is Commander Alex Herrera, the Commander of the East Precinct which includes Merritt Island. He is a twenty-five year law enforcement veteran. We've asked him to speak to us about the activities and patrols in the East Merritt Island areas and what we can do to improve our neighborhoods.

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Good Day Everyone,

As I write this from my hospital bed, I'm reflecting on my ten year anniversary. That's both my EMIHOA Presidency and my wedding anniversary. You see I was in physical therapy and as I was walking into the facility, my walker collapsed and I fell forward on top of it and broke my femur. That was the date of my wedding anniversary. Needless to say, sometimes life tells you what you're going to do and not the other way around. Therefore, effective immediately I am tendering my resignation. I would have finished my last two months in May. What I will do is help the Directors figure out the next pathway and how to keep the organization moving forward. I'm sure the board would appreciate input from anyone in the community with ideas. My hope is after I resign my position with EMIHOA, the organization can continue forward.

Thank you allowing me the pleasure to serve.

Maurice J Boudreau, President

PORT CANAVERAL AQUARIUM PROGRESS

Correction to last month's article:

The Cape Canaveral Aquarium campus is hoping to start development this year <https://brevardzoo.org/blog/>

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

MEETING TUESDAY, APR 23rd @ 7pm, Lighthouse Church, 1250 N Banana River Dr

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SHORING UP LAGOON SHORES

Last month our speaker, Kyle Frank of the Wild, Wet n Wacky native plant nursery in north Merritt Island, showed us ways we can help the Lagoon in our own yards.

Canal and shoreline erosion is a common problem for homeowners in our area. After the ground behind seawalls gets saturated from irrigation and rain, erosion can occur as the water moves under or around the seawall. Mangroves can anchor and trap soil in front of the seawalls but other native plants in the buffer zone can send their long roots throughout to anchor and hold the soil.

These plants allow the water to filter through the soil to prevent some of the particles from going into the Lagoon. The long root systems absorb some of the nutrients in the soil, like nitrogen and phosphorus, which helps them to grow leaves and stems instead of those nutrients washing in high numbers into the Lagoon.

Choosing a number of native plants that work together to support each other can lower your costs and maintenance. These carefully chosen plants each perform a function for the others. Trees and bushes can create shade for part of the day (and lower your cooling bill) while medium and small height plants perform other native functions and complete the beautiful balanced look.

Warblers and butterflies will also benefit from having more native plants around. Each native creature in our area is part of a complex web of lifecycles. Each depends on another for the "just right" place to protect and raise it's babies, feed & shelter it's children, & transform into adults. Certain types depend on only one plant or insect for their survival in part of their lifecycle.

If you have questions about which native plants could help the most in your yard, Kyle said he would be happy to speak with you at their nursery. [facebook.com/wildwetnwacky/](https://www.facebook.com/wildwetnwacky/)

Healing has already begun, but sustaining progress for a healthy Lagoon requires a commitment by all of us to stewardship.

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PORT CANAVERAL EXPANSION PLANS

Port Canaveral has confirmed that Cape Marina will **NOT** have their lease renewed when the agreement expires in February 2026. Dock space can be used more efficiently if the two marinas at the port – Cape Marina and Bluepoints Marina – are merged into one facility.

Ultimately, with the space now occupied by Bluepoints Marina is being eyed for a new cruise terminal large enough to accommodate some of today's largest cruise ships. Cape Marina has been a fixture on the south side of Port Canaveral since it was founded by Jerry Seaman and William Parker in 1976. The facility covers nearly 10 acres of land with 115 wet dock-age slips, 100 storage units, and both active and inactive yard space for local commercial and private watercraft, along with an extensive marina store. Port officials have described the intention to move the Bluepoints Marina vessels to Cape Marina, better utilizing the overall space. According to **WKMG 6 News**, the Bluepoints Marina facility, then, would be able to make way for a new cruise terminal.

"We've advised [Cape Marina] that we're not going to renew their lease in this existing format," **said Port Canaveral CEO Captain John Murray.** *"First step would be to take over what's there, and then, ultimately, bring in the Bluepoints footprint over to that side."* The two marina facilities are less than a

half-mile apart, but the Bluepoints Marina waterfront space is conveniently located further east, in a better position to service large cruise ships.

Locals Concerned About Changes

Local commercial fishermen have expressed some concerns about the marina changes with hopes that Port Canaveral does not stop supporting the commercial fishing industry.

Cape Marina has also expressed its concern and willingness to work with port authorities to meet future goals, without compromising on the unique nature of Port Canaveral's mixed patrons.

"Cape Marina recognizes the premium nature of property in Port Canaveral, and we are committed to working collaboratively with the port to meet its objectives while preserving its unique character," **an open letter on the marina's website reads.**

"While we acknowledge the importance of the cruise ship industry & the revenue it generates, we also believe in preserving the hometown flair that businesses like Cape Marina bring to the port."

Port Canaveral has also indicated that Cape Marina is welcome to submit a bid for the property's redevelopment once that stage of the project is reached, though at this point there is no established timeline for the overall port redevelopment of that area.

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