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St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update
of Current Events
and Happenings
within St. Lucie
County**

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the April Informal Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3.

Earth Day

The Oxbow Eco-Center's 9th Annual Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 18 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The theme of the Festival is "Growing Green Together" in St. Lucie County and will highlight alternative energy, water harvesting, healthy homes, slow foods, and lots more. This fun-filled event is designed for the entire family with games, crafts, live animals, musical entertainment, and a wildlife parade. The event is free and open to the public. Please visit http://www.stlucieco.org/pdfs/Earth_Day_website.pdf for Earth Day schedule of events.

Veterans Golf Classic

The 18th Annual United Veterans Golf Classic will be held at Fairwinds Golf Course, Fort Pierce on Saturday, April 18. This event is sponsored by St. Lucie County Veteran Services to benefit the St. Lucie County United Veterans Transportation Program. The tournament is limited to the first 128 paid players. For more information, please call (772) 337-5670.

Economic Roundtable

The Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County and the St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce will host an Economic Roundtable to provide for an open dialogue between public officials and private businesses. The discussion on public policy and economic development is intended to find ways to define public and private sector initiatives that will assist in economic recovery. The Economic Roundtable will be held on Friday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. There will be 40 public officials and private sector leaders serving as panelists to help foster dialogue on the pertinent issues. The roundtable will feature discussions facilitated by Jim Murley, Director of FAU's Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions. For more information, please contact Jackie Bylsma at (772) 879-4144.

The Master Gardener Gardening Festival

The Master Gardener Spring into Gardening Festival will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. As well as plants for sale from our nursery, there will also be some local vendors selling their products too. We will have a fashion show at 11:30 a.m. and the Taste of the Tropics at 12:30 p.m. where you can sample fruits you may have never tried before! The sale will be held at the Extension Office, 8400 Picos Road, Fort Pierce. Call (772) 462-1660 or <http://stlucie.ifas.ufl.edu> for additional information.

St. Lucie Airport to hold Master Plan Meeting

The St. Lucie County International Airport Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Havert L. Fenn Center on Virginia Avenue. The group will discuss current issues and opportunities at the airport, the inventory of existing conditions and the forecast of aviation activities. The agenda and working papers to be reviewed at the meeting are available on the airport's website at www.stlucieco.org/airport (click on the Airport Master Plan tab on the left side of the page). The Havert L. Fenn Center is located at 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. The meeting will take place in Meeting Room 2. For more information call (772) 462-1732.

St. Lucie County Seeks Input for Future Beach Project

St. Lucie County will hold an open public workshop on Wednesday, April 29 to provide information and gather community input on the proposed South County Beach Project developed by the county's Erosion Control District to address erosion along southern county beaches. The county has evaluated a study area, which extends from just north of the FP&L Nuclear Power Plant south to the Martin County line. The charette will be held on Wednesday, April 29 from 6-8 p.m. in the St. Lucie County Commission Chambers, Roger Poitras Administration Annex, 2300 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. Beaches and dunes in southern St. Lucie County sustained significant damage during Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in the summer of 2004. Upland property, structures, and infrastructure remain vulnerable to damage during future storm events. This charette is an opportunity for the community to contribute to the formulation of a future project to restore the beach and dune system damaged by the hurricanes and prior storms.

At the meeting, there will be a brief presentation of the proposed plan to be followed by an open public forum. A description of the project purpose, the expected schedule, an updated summary of the existing physical and environmental conditions defining and surrounding the beach erosion problem, alternative strategies, design considerations and the proposed plan. The public is invited attend and is encouraged to participate in this informative charette. For more information, please contact Richard Bouchard of St. Lucie County at (772) 462-1710 or Julia Thompson of Coastal Tech at (888) 562-8580.

Ribbon Cutting

The Ribbon Cutting for the Douglas M. Anderson Emergency Operations 911 Center will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 12 at 15305 W. Midway Road, Fort Pierce.

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