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St. Lucie County

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

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Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled

- There will be no Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, December 25 due to the County's observance of Christmas.
- St. Lucie County offices will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas.
- St. Lucie County offices will be closed Tuesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.
- There will be no Board of County Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, January 1 due to the County's observance of New Year's Day.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the January Informal Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.
- The Board of County Commissioners Evaluation and Appraisal Report Major Issues Workshop will be on Friday, January 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.

Fort Pierce Community Center Hosts Holiday Camp

St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Holiday Camp at the Fort Pierce Community Center, 600 N. Indian River Drive, December 20 – 31, excluding weekends, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Children will be able to make holiday ornaments, have fun playing indoor and outdoor games, spend a day at the park, have lunch at Cici's Pizza, go bowling for fun at Gator Bowl, enjoy a movie at Sabal Palm Theater, celebrate the New Year with a big party, and more! The Holiday Camp runs from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. December 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 and 31. Camp is appropriate for ages 5-12. The cost is \$70 for the session with a \$5 discount for additional siblings. Field trips are an additional cost. Pre-registration is required. Parents should pack plenty of drinks, snacks and lunch. For more information, please call 462-1792. The Fort Pierce Community Center is located at 600 N. Indian River Drive, Fort Pierce.

Steel Band to Perform at the Fort Pierce Library on December 15

The Fort Pierce Teen Time Unlimited Steel Band Orchestra will be performing in front of the Fort Pierce Branch Library on Saturday, December 15 at noon. The Steel Band Orchestra originated in 2006 and is comprised of young teenagers who perform throughout the community. Being a member of the Steel Band Orchestra teaches the students the concept of teamwork, the joy of creative self-expression, and greatly increases their confidence and self-esteem. The Steel Drum, or Pan, is an ethnic percussion instrument. It is one of the most recently invented instruments and is a hammered 55-gallon oil drum, which has been carefully tuned to produce tones. It carries the full chromatic range of notes and can produce all types of music. Performances of the students have received rave reviews and community groups increasingly request the band. Visit the Fort Pierce Library Branch, shop at the Farmers Market and Flea Market on Melody Lane, and enjoy the sounds of the Fort Pierce Teen Time Unlimited Steel Band Orchestra on Saturday, December 15. For more information, please call Vicki Cooke at 462-2787 or e-mail cookev@co.st-lucie.fl.us

Morningside Library Presents Holiday Story Time

The Morningside Branch Library of the St. Lucie County Library System presents a special children's holiday program on Monday, December 17 from 11 a.m. – noon. Guest Librarian Miss CarolAnn will get children into the holiday spirit. The event is appropriate for children ages 2 – 3. This program is free and open to the public. For more information call 337-5632 or stop by the Morningside Branch Library, at 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St Lucie.

Author to Present a Book Talk and Book Signing on Health Care at the Fort Pierce Library

Dr. Harold R. Lee will present a book talk and book signing at the Fort Pierce Library on Tuesday, December 18 at 2 p.m. His book, "The Health Care Crisis: The Enigma That Is No Mystery: The Answer to Your Health Care Crisis...YOU!" is about the failing health care system. Dr. Lee completed pre-medical studies at the University of Pittsburgh, and then studied physical therapy at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia. Selected for the Army Specialized Training Program in 1943, he saw combat service in the European Theatre. Dr. Lee later entered Lincoln Chiropractic College and served two years on the faculty, after which he entered private practice for 45 years. Dr. Lee will discuss the failure of the public to understand the problem of how the failing health care system, if not fundamentally changed, will bankrupt us, individually and collectively, or how millions of people will be forced to go without needed care. He will talk about the many shortcomings and flaws of existent health care and the changes that must be made to restore its ability to equitably serve the public. For more information, please call Vicki at 462-2787. The Fort Pierce Library is located at 101 Melody Lane.

St. Lucie County Holiday Closures

St. Lucie County government offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the holidays. Additionally, the St. Lucie County Historical Museum and the St. Lucie County Marine Center will be closed Sunday, Dec. 23. The St. Lucie County Marine Center, featuring the Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit, will also be closed Tuesday, Dec. 18, as the county's Central Services Department replaces the air conditioning units on the 5,000-square-foot building.

St. Lucie County Parks & Recreation Offering Women's Soccer League

Registration is now underway for St. Lucie County's Park & Recreation Department's Women's Soccer League. Games will begin Jan. 19 at the Lawnwood Soccer Field. The Women's Soccer League is open to women 18 and older. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 – 9 p.m. with games taking place on Saturdays at 3 p.m. The cost to participate is \$200 per team. Teams consist of at least 11 players. The league provides opportunities for soccer players of all abilities to learn how to play soccer for fun and fitness. For more information about St. Lucie County's Women's Soccer League call Anthony Allen (772) 462-1522 or Manuel Rodriguez (772) 519-1464.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Guided Hikes ~ Every Saturday at 10 a.m. join an Oxbow naturalist as they lead visitors along a series of trails, discussing the plants and wildlife that live in the different habitats along the North Fork of the St. Lucie River. For more information about all Oxbow Eco-Center events call the staff at 785-5833 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow.

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