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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

- The Board of County Commissioners and the Indian River County Commissioners will hold a Joint Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the IRCC Mueller Center located at 6155 College Lane in Vero Beach.
- The Board of County Commissioners regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 will begin at 3 p.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Cloud Grove on Friday, February 23, 2007 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners and the Treasure Coast Education and Research Development Authority will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at 2 p.m. at the UF/IFAS IRREC Auditorium.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an informal meeting on Friday, March 23, 2007 at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 3.
- The Regular County Commission Meetings on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 and Tuesday, July 17, 2007 have been canceled due to lack of quorum.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold its 2008 Budget Workshops on July 19, July 20, July 23, July 24 and July 25 in Conference Room 3.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Budget Millage Adoption Meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at 9 a.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Preliminary Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 6 p.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Final Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6 p.m.

St. Lucie County Fair Scheduled

The 42nd Annual St. Lucie County Fair will begin on Friday, February 23, 2007, and run through Sunday, March 4, 2007, at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

New York Mets Spring Training

The opening day for Spring Training home games for the New York Mets at Tradition Field will be Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at 1:10 p.m. versus the Detroit Tigers.

Frontier Florida Festival

Hang out at a cow camp, crack a cow whip, chew the fat with the Florida Cracker Trail riders, story tellers and historians, and enjoy a fun-filled frolic at Frontier Florida Fest on Saturday, February 24, 2007, from noon until 5 p.m. The event will be held at Harbour Pointe Park in Fort Pierce. Admission is free. For further information for both visitors and vendors, please contact the St. Lucie County Historical Museum Education Department at (772) 462-1891.

Local Airport History Buffs Wanted

Do you remember airplanes landing in fields before St. Lucie County built its current airport? And do you also remember how the airport looked during the early days? St. Lucie County International Airport staff members, along with the St. Lucie Historical Society, are looking for names, locations, photographs, newspaper clips and other memorabilia of early "airports" in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. If you have stories or items that you would like to share, please contact Joe Arbeit at (772) 462-1789 or arbeitj@stlucieco.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Upcoming Events from Environmental Resources

Birding at Bluefield ~ Feb. 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Begin your morning with a two mile walk along wetlands, making your way to an observation tower. Overlook a vast wetland and its numerous waterfowl.

Woodpecker's at Bluefield ~ Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. Knock, knock, who's there? Listen, watch and learn as woodpeckers announce their territories to the world by drumming on tree trunks. Mating season has begun for woodpeckers and other woodland birds, so come out and listen.

Anyone wishing to participate needs to register at least one day in advance. Programs are free, but limited to the first 15 participants. To register or for more information, please call (772) 462-2526 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

"Birding for Beginners" Classes ~ Feb. 20, 27 and March 6 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Join a St. Lucie Audubon and the Oxbow for this 3-part series to learn more about our feathered friends. The fee is \$30 per person. For more information, please call (772) 785-5842.

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 (772) 785-5833 or visit www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow.

LIBRARY

Fort Pierce Branch Library Events

Movies for Adults ~ Every Monday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Redirecting Children's Behavior Seminar ~ Every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Interactive Nature Series with Captain Chop Lege ~ Every Thursday from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Walk and Talk Tour of Bear Point Sanctuary or Vitolo Family Park with Captain Chop Lege ~ Every Friday from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Great Expectations Book Club ~ Every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10 a.m. until Noon

The Fort Pierce Library is located at 101 melody Lane, Fort Pierce. These programs are free and open to the public. Reservations may be required, as space is limited. For more information, visit www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us or call 772-462-1615.

Morningside Branch Library Events

St. Lucie County's Morningside Branch Library will offer a series of art demonstrations this spring by Roy Stevens and other local artists. The programs will take place the second Thursday of each month from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

Topics of discussion:

"The Magic of Acrylic Painting" - March 8

"Encaustic Wax Art Techniques" (Part II) - April 12

The Morningside Branch Library is located at 2410 Morningside Boulevard in Port St. Lucie. For more information visit www.st-lucie.lib.fl.us or call (772) 337-5632.

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