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## St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update  
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within St. Lucie  
County**

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### Board of County Commissioners Special Meetings & Workshops

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Joint Meeting with the City of Fort Pierce on Tuesday, February 24 at 2 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, 2300 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the Boards 2009 Strategic Planning Session on Monday, March 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 24 from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Havert L. Fenn Center located at 2000 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce.

### Spring Training

The New York Mets kick off their Spring Training Season at Tradition Field in Port St. Lucie on Thursday, February 26, 2009 vs. the Florida Marlins at 1:10 p.m. Home games run through April 2, 2009 with games vs. the Atlanta Braves, Baltimore Orioles, St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Astros, Washington Nationals, Detroit Tigers and others. For tickets call (772) 871-2115 or visit [www.traditionfield.com](http://www.traditionfield.com).

### St. Lucie County Fair

The 44th Annual St. Lucie County Fair will take place February 27, 2009 - March 8, 2009 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, 15601 West Midway Road, Fort Pierce. For details visit: [www.stluciecountyfair.com](http://www.stluciecountyfair.com)

### Zora Fest!

Zora Fest! will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Park Academy and other venues. Hurston scholars will be on hand to discuss her writings and her life. Niece Lucy Hurston, a professor at Manchester Community College in Connecticut, will be on hand for the festival and a Sunday brunch at the Pelican Yacht Club on April 5, 2009. For additional information, contact the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs at (772) 462-1767 or go online at [www.stlucieco.gov/culturalaffairs/index.htm](http://www.stlucieco.gov/culturalaffairs/index.htm).

### Lawnwood Tennis Center Hosts Free Lessons for Children

St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate "Tennis Night in America" at the Lawnwood Tennis Center with free lessons for children ages 7-15 on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. Tennis Pro Woody Newson will provide rackets and balls for the evening. All the child needs to do is wear comfortable clothing and sneakers. There is no need to pre-register, simply show up at 6 p.m. on March 2. The Lawnwood Tennis Center is located at 1302 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. For any questions, please call Woody Newson at (772) 462-1525.

## Lincoln Park Center Offers After-School Programs

St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of free after-school programs for children at the Lincoln Park Community Center, 1306 Avenue M:

- Girls Club – Mondays from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Ages: 5-10. Girls are encouraged to come out and show Girl Power by participating in fun arts and crafts, cooking projects, fitness activities and special days just for girls.
- Boys Club – Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Ages: 5-10. Boys can finally have a club of their own! Where they can learn different sports activities, various arts and crafts and participates in special events.
- Chess Club – Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Ages: 8-13. This program teaches children the techniques of playing the game of chess.
- Friday Tournament Nights, Fridays from 5 – 9 p.m. Ages: 5-18. Children can participate in spades, dominoes, PlayStation 2 games, table tennis and checkers tournament. Each week a new Champion of the Center will be crowned.
- Mentor Program, Thursdays 5:30 – 7 p.m. Ages: 11-15. The Mentor Program is designed to help teenagers define their own destiny and determine their own future. The program will teach proper etiquette, promote social skills and how to become active in the community.

For more information call St. Lucie County's Lincoln Park Community Center staff at (772) 462-1788.

## See Night Creatures at the Oxbow's Nature at Night

What noises go bump in the night? Maybe it's a raccoon, bobcat, skunk or opossum. Join the staff of Arnold's Wildlife at the Oxbow Eco-Center on Friday, Feb. 27 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. as they present "Night Creatures" and meet some of the residents at their rehabilitation center in Okeechobee. Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit educational-based wildlife care facility dedicated to bringing people and wildlife together to develop community awareness about the value of our native wildlife. The organization's ultimate goal is to rescue, rehabilitate and return recovered animals to their natural habitat. Take a hike on the Oxbow's moonlit trails following the presentation, as we search for signs of nocturnal animals. Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights as long as they have a red lens or translucent red tape over the lens. This serves to protect everyone's night vision during the hike. The presentation is \$5 per person and advanced ticket purchase is required. Tickets can be purchased with Visa or MasterCard by phone or in person at the Oxbow Eco-Center, 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Port St. Lucie. To purchase tickets or for more information, please call (772) 785-5833. The Oxbow Eco-Center, St. Lucie County's premiere Environmental Learning Center, is situated on 225 acres along the St. Lucie River. For more information visit our website at [www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow](http://www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow).

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