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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 Scheduled

- The Board of County Commissioners and the City of Fort Pierce will hold a Joint Meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers.

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.

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

St. Lucie County Creates New Lincoln Park Playground

The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners recently opened the new Lincoln Park Playground on the corner of 13th Street and Avenue M, across from the Open Space Pool. With a unique "gyroscopic" design for children of all ages, this futuristic-looking playground is constructed of suspended, bouncy Corocord climbing cables, offering physical, mental and creative challenges for children. This type of playground is designed to build upper-body and core strength as children balance and counterbalance their bodies against the forces of gravity. The site also features 2,263-square-foot of ADA accessible Extreme Playground Grass Safety surface and a 30 x 30-foot shade pyramid. For more details on the new Lincoln Park Playground, call the Lincoln Park Community Center at (772) 462-1788.

Lawnwood and Lakewood Youth Soccer Registration

Registration is underway for youth soccer at Lakewood Park Regional Park and Lawnwood Stadium for ages 4 – 14. Sponsored by St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department, sign up for the 10-week soccer session runs through Jan. 30. Sign up takes place Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the St. Lucie County Sports and Athletic Department, 1302 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. The cost to participate is \$75 per child and includes a shirt, shorts, socks, trophy and pizza party at the end of the season. After Jan. 30, a late fee of \$25 per child will be charged. Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for the Lakewood Park group and Tuesdays and Thursdays for Lawnwood. Games will be played Friday nights for Lakewood Park and Saturday mornings for Lawnwood. For more information about youth soccer, call Rob at (772) 462-1523 for Lakewood Park soccer and Steve at (772) 462-1520 for Lawnwood soccer.

Zora Fest!

Zora Fest! will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3rd, 4th and 5th 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.

New ID Cards Required For Lawnwood Skate Park

Effective Jan. 1, skaters using Lawnwood Skate Park must obtain a new Photo Identification Card from St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department. These cards can be purchased at a cost of \$10 annually for St. Lucie County residents and \$20 annually for out-of-county residents. Skateboarders and in-line skaters using Lawnwood Skate Park must keep these photo ID cards on them at all times when using the park. The skate cards are required for skaters of all ages, and can be obtained at the Havert L. Fenn Center, 2000 Virginia Ave., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Proof of residency is required such as a driver's license, tax bill or current electric bill. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. St. Lucie County students who receive free lunches through the school system can obtain a skate card at no cost. However, they must provide proof of eligibility when applying for a skate card. Those under the age of 18 must have a notarized waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian on file with St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department to obtain a skate card. Waivers are available at the Fenn Center or online at www.stlucieco.gov/parks/skatepark.htm. The Lawnwood Skate Park is a 15,000-square-foot concrete skate park located at 2100 Virginia Ave., behind the Havert L. Fenn Center. This plaza-style skate park is open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk. Daily admission into the park is free. Helmets and shirts must be worn at all times. For more information about Lawnwood Skate Park call (772) 462-1521.

St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Offering Belly Dancing Classes

St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department is now offering belly dancing classes on Thursday evenings, starting at 6 p.m. at the Havert L. Fenn Center. This program allows people ages 16 and up to learn how to belly dance - a very romantic, spiritual, artistic and graceful form of dance. The cost to participate is \$60 per six-week session. Classes are held in the Havert L. Fenn Center, located at 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. For more information call Joe Lane at (772) 462-1792.

St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Offering Indoor Soccer

St. Lucie County's Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for indoor soccer, which starts Feb. 3 at the Havert L. Fenn Center. With indoor soccer children will learn how to be part of a team and to communicate with one another. The program is open to ages 5-16 and the cost to participate is \$75 for the season. Indoor soccer practices start on Feb. 3 at 5:45 p.m. and will last until 8:45 p.m. Games will begin on Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. and last until 5:30 p.m. Practices and games will take place at the Havert L. Fenn Center, located at 2000 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. For more information or to register call Joe Lane at (772) 462-1792.

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