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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 will adopt a proposed budget millage during the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Tuesday, July 22 Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting and the Tuesday, July 22 Informal Meeting have been canceled due to lack of quorum.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Workshop on Thursday, July 31 at 3 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers to discuss an Employee Health Clinic.
- The Tuesday, August 26 Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting and the Tuesday, August 26 Informal Meeting have been canceled due to lack of quorum.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the Preliminary Budget Public Hearing on Thursday, September 4 at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the Final Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 18 at 6 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Informal Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Informal Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.
- The November 4 Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting has been canceled due to the General Election.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold the Annual Reorganization Meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 9 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold an Informal Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, November 25 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.
- The December 23 Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting has been canceled.

Lawnwood Skate Park

St. Lucie County will celebrate the official opening of the Lawnwood Skate Park with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, July 17 at 10 a.m. and a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, July 19 from noon until dusk. Located on Virginia Avenue behind the new Havert L. Fenn Center and to the east of Rotary Park, the Lawnwood Skate Park features 1,500 square feet of concrete fun. Designed and built by Team Pain, the park contains flat areas, stairs, handrails, humps, curbs, a snake run and bowl. The public is invited to attend both the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 17 and the Grand Opening Celebration on July 19. These events are free. The July 19 event will feature skateboarding demonstrations by professional and amateur skaters, as well as a "Best Trick Contest" sponsored by Undercover Skate Shop and AWM Construction. There will be plenty of prizes and giveaways throughout the day, along with live performances by local bands: Dios Mio, Out For Moor, Nu Animal, Elido, Point of View, Pubreckers and The Alleys. Additionally, 103.1 FM – The Buzz will be broadcasting live from Fort Pierce for part of the event. The Lawnwood Skate Park is currently open for skateboarding and inline skating everyday from 8 a.m. to dusk. Admission into the park is free. Helmets and shirts are required. Skaters under the age of 18, must have a skate card on them at all times. Skate cards can be obtained by having their parents fill out the proper paperwork Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the St. Lucie County Recreation Office at 1301 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce. For more information on the Lawnwood Skate Park visit: www.stlucieco.gov/parks/skatepark.htm.

Supervisor of Elections

The Supervisor of Elections Office has been very busy preparing for the Aug. 26 Primary and the Nov. 4 General Elections. Anyone who has never registered to vote in St. Lucie County must register before July 28 which is the deadline date for the Primary Election. In Primary Elections, voters must vote for the party in which they are registered. If you are changing your party affiliation, this change must be done by July 28. To change your name, party affiliation, or update your signature, you will need to complete a Florida Voter Registration Application. These voter registration applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections offices, by telephone request, or it may be downloaded from our website at www.slcelections.com. If you are a registered voter, please take a moment to review your voter registration card and verify that the information is correct. If you've changed your address in St. Lucie County, please call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 772-462-1500, or visit any of our 3 locations listed below.

Orange Blossom Business Center-Main Office
4132 Okeechobee Rd.
Fort Pierce, FL 34947-5412
772-462-1500

St Lucie West County Annex
250 NW Country Club Dr.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986
772-871-5410

Walton Road County Annex
1664 SE Walton Rd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952
772-337-5623

Closing of Port St. Lucie Location of St. Lucie County Extension Office

Due to staff reduction, the St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office located at 1664 SE Walton Road, Suite 201 in Port St. Lucie is closed. All services previously offered at this location will still be available at the St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office located at 8400 Picos Road, Suite 101 in Fort Pierce. For more information, please call the Picos Road location at (772) 462-1660.

Savannas Recreation Area Offers Evening Canoe Tours

The Savannas Recreation Area off Midway Road presents "The Savannas at Sunset Evening Canoe Tour" on Friday, July 18 from 7 – 9 p.m. Residents are encouraged to take this opportunity to observe elusive, nocturnal wildlife in a safe environment as you paddle on a guided canoe tour of the county-managed Savannas park. The cost to participate is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. For more details or to reserve a canoe for "The Savannas at Sunset Evening Canoe Tour" call Brian at (772) 464-7855. Located at 1400 E. Midway Road in Fort Pierce, the Savannas Recreation Area is a 550-acre park open seven days a week from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. for overnight camping, RVs, hiking, fishing, bird watching and kayak/canoe rentals.

Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

Join an Oxbow naturalist for a leisurely paddle down the St. Lucie River on July 19 at 9 a.m. Fee is \$15 per person. Children 5-7 are free. RSVP & prepayment is required. For more information, please call 772-785-5833.

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