

About Town

The Official Newsletter of the City of Rockledge

Candidate Qualifying

Candidate qualifying for Rockledge City Council Seats #5 and #6 closed at noon on Friday, August 24, 2012, with the following results:

Qualifying for Seat #5: E. Georgia Phillips (Unopposed Incumbent)
321-636-6759

Qualifying for Seat #6: Duane Daski
321-795-1599
Ted Hartselle
321-794-8580

As a result, the City of Rockledge Ballot for the November 6, 2012 General Election will contain a contest for Seat #6. Councilwoman Phillips will retain Seat #5 by virtue of the fact that she is an unopposed candidate.

The General Election Ballot for Rockledge will also include a referendum question:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX EXEMPTIONS

Shall the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Florida, be authorized to grant, pursuant to Section 3, Art. VII, of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses?

YES NO

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Referendum

On May 16, 2012, the City Council authorized the inclusion of a referendum question on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot. The question, titled Economic Development Tax Exemptions, appears above.

This exemption was in place in Rockledge from 1996 until 2006, when it expired under State Law. Businesses that received the exemption, in whole or part, included Hydro Aluminum, Renco Electronics, Designers Choice Cabinetry, and Delta Electronics, among others. This referendum would be limited to ten years and would only apply to new construction and equipment (based on criteria) and does not include a land value exemption. For more information, [contact the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast at 638-2000](#).

Holiday Happenings!



“**CELEBRATE THE SEASON**” is the theme for the 2012 Cocoa-Rockledge Holiday Parade, which will be held on **Saturday, December 8th, at 10:00 a.m.** The parade will begin at Cocoa Central Reference Library in Cocoa; proceed south on Florida Avenue and end at Rockledge High School at approximately 11:30 a.m. Entry forms are available at Rockledge and Cocoa City Halls, Central Area Mainland Recreation office, and at McLarty Park, Joe Lee Smith Park, Travis Park and Cocoa West Community Center. Award categories include Adult Civic, Youth Civic, Adult/Youth Civic, School, School Marching Band and Commercial. One trophy will be awarded for JUDGE’S CHOICE. For additional information, call **Sofia Perez de Lara at 633-1874.**

LIGHT UP ROCKLEDGE will be held at Rockledge City Hall on **Saturday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m.** This will be the official kick-off of the Holiday Season in Rockledge with the simultaneous illumination of the decorations at all of the City’s public buildings. Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be making an appearance, and there will be a reading of the holiday classic, “The Night Before Christmas.” The public is encouraged to attend, and The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement (T.R.E.E.) Board will provide refreshments. For additional information, call **Rene LaMarr at 305-4975.**

THE 20TH EDITION TOWN ORNAMENT goes on sale at Light Up Rockledge. This year the ornament will feature **the City seal to commemorate the City’s 125th birthday.** The ornament is blue with a full color City seal, and the cost is \$8.00, including tax. Limited supply of previous edition ornaments can be purchased for \$5.00 each, including tax. These ornaments can be purchased at Rockledge City Hall.

THE HOLIDAY HOME & BUSINESS DECORATION CONTEST is again sponsored by **the T.R.E.E. Board.** Nominations must be submitted to City Hall no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 12th. Judging will be conducted on December 13th and awards will be presented at the City Council meeting on December 19th. Nomination forms are available at Rockledge City Hall.

More information, parade entry forms and nomination forms are available online at www.cityofrockledge.org on the Events page for December.

Holiday Canned Food Drive

The City of Rockledge will collect nonperishable food items at all City facilities from [Monday, November 5th to Friday, December 14th](#), to benefit the Central Brevard Sharing Center. [This is the 17th year of a special City of Rockledge versus City of Cocoa competition.](#) Last year, the combined food drive netted more than two tons of non-perishable foods to benefit the needy in our community. Last year, WE beat Cocoa, so let's keep the honor this year, Rockledge! Boxes are placed at City facilities and local businesses for your convenience. There is a great need in our community this year, so please consider how you can help.

Please visit these local drop off locations:

- Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane
- Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency, 888 Cardinal Avenue
- Rockledge Police Dept., 1776 Jack Oates Boulevard
- Rockledge Public Works Dept., 1400 Garden Road
- Rockledge Wastewater Treatment & Water Reclamation Dept., 1700 Jack Oates Blvd.
- Rockledge Fire Station #1, 1800 US Highway 1
- Rockledge Fire Station #2, 1600 S. Fiske Boulevard
- Rockledge Fire Station #3, 3500 Murrell Road
- Huntington Place, 1775 Huntington Lane
- Schlenker Automotive, 396 Barton Boulevard

Remember, the real winners are the Central Brevard Sharing Center and those less fortunate individuals in our communities.

Building Permits are for Your Protection

Any homeowner will tell you “there is always something I want to do to my house!” In the current economic environment, many homeowners are planning to renovate, remodel, add on, or have other work done to their existing home.

Building permits from the Rockledge Building Division are required to ensure that construction meets the requirements of all state and city zoning and fire prevention codes. Inspections are conducted on all permits to ensure the safety and welfare of the citizens of Rockledge.

Most of all, remember that permits and inspections are in place to help protect you as a citizen of Rockledge. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call the Building Division. Our staff is here to help you! [Call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. at \(321\) 690-3984.](#)



Water Quality Monitoring Update

The Barton Park Stormwater Facility has completed the water quality monitoring for the rainy season and is moving into the dry season water quality monitoring. The monitoring for pollutant removal will be completed within the next eighteen months.

Single Stream Success!

The Single Stream Recycling program has been a great success thanks to the participation by the residents of Rockledge. From January 2012 to June 2012, the recycling program has produced 57% more weighted material recycled than the same period in 2011.



Street Sweeping Schedule

Street sweeping is performed on a monthly basis to remove sediment from our roadways, which supports our efforts to improve water quality by reducing pollutants that are harmful to the Indian River Lagoon and the St. Johns River. [Please avoid parking on the streets during these periods.](#)

Sweeps are scheduled for the following dates:

September: Monday 10th – Friday 14th

October: Monday 8th – Friday 12th

November: Thursday 8th – Wednesday 14th

December: Monday 10th – Friday 14th

If you have any questions, [contact the Public Works Department at 690-3961.](#)

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Rockledge Police Department is collecting "Cell Phones for Soldiers". Cell phones in any condition are gladly accepted. Please donate only the cell phone; do not include batteries or accessories. For every cell phone collected, a soldier or a family of a soldier overseas can request a one hour calling card. Over 6,400 cell phones have been collected thus far. Cell phones can be dropped off in the lobby of Rockledge Police Department or Rockledge City Hall. Just look for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" collection box! For more information, contact Nick Galluzzi at backgroundinv@cityofrockledge.org.

Code Enforcement News

Rockledge is known for being an attractive, well-kept city. This is in large part due to the great relationship that Rockledge Code Enforcement has with its citizens. To help keep the City beautiful by reporting possible code violations, [contact Code Enforcement at \(321\) 690-3984](#). Such violations may include: overgrown grass and weeds, junk vehicles, expired tags on vehicles, construction without a permit, etc. [You may also submit Code Enforcement violations through our website at www.cityofrockledge.org.](#)

News and Notes from the Community Redevelopment Agency

It has been a busy summer with the City of Rockledge having recently celebrated its 125th Birthday! Incorporated on August 6, 1887, Rockledge is Brevard's first city, and a number of special events were held to commemorate this truly noteworthy occasion.

As we inch closer to the end of summer, we start looking forward to the Community Redevelopment Agency's next big events – [the 2012 Hot Rockin' Nights car show and the 2013 Art and Craft Show!](#)

Please join us for the [9th Annual Hot Rockin' Nights on Saturday, October 27, 2012, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Barton Boulevard](#), where nearly 200 automobiles, from both the classic and modern varieties, will come together and line the street. The planning then begins in earnest for the [5th Annual Art & Craft Show on Saturday, February 2, 2013 \(10 a.m. to 5 p.m.\)](#), and [Sunday, February 3, 2013 \(10 a.m. to 4 p.m.\)!](#) This two-day event promises to draw nearly 80 vendors to Barton Boulevard from near and far. On Saturday (February 2), the show is held in conjunction with the "Cruise-On-In Car Show," where a number of timeless automobiles will line the eastbound lanes of Barton Boulevard, while vendors selling everything from fine art and crafts to specialty confections and sauces, are positioned in the westbound lanes. Music, a food court and other activities promise a wonderful time will be had by attendees!

For additional information on both of these events, [contact Rene LaMarr at \(321\) 305-4975](#), or visit www.chooserockledge.com to download flyers or registration forms! We hope to see you there!



Tree Trimming

Please trim your trees and shrubbery that encroach into the rights-of-way where pedestrian and vehicular traffic are designed to travel. Keep in mind site triangles (visual observations) need to be clear of vegetation so the traveling public can see when it is safe to enter crosswalks, streets and roadways.

Flood Zone Determinations

[Notice to Lenders, Real Estate Agents, Insurance Agents, Prospective Home Buyers, and Homeowners](#)

The Building Services Division will gladly make flood zone determinations for properties within the city limits of Rockledge. Elevation certificates are available for properties in special flood hazard areas upon request. For more information, [please call \(321\) 690-3984](#).

Hot Rockin' Nights!

Come on out and join us on [Saturday, October 27, 2012, from 3-9 p.m. on Barton Boulevard](#) for our annual HOT ROCKIN' NIGHTS Car Show. Trophies will be awarded for the top 20 people's choice and Cruiser of the Year Award. Enjoy live entertainment by Deluxe Mojo and music by DJ Fast Eddie, eat lots of food, and have fun, fun, fun. The event is presented by the City of Rockledge and the Rockin' Rodders. The Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners sponsors the event. Proceeds from 50/50 ticket sales will go to a local charity. Bring the whole family out and walk the boulevard with us. Barton Boulevard will be closed between Huntington Lane and Elm Street starting at 2 p.m. and will reopen at 10 p.m. Goodie bags will be given to the first 200 vehicle entries. For details or to register your car, [contact Rene LaMarr at 305-4975](#) or [visit our website at www.cityofrockledge.org](#).

Rockledge Heritage Foundation Membership

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of our current members for their support & donations. Your membership is very important and appreciated. The RHF's mission is to preserve, protect and promote Rockledge's history through active preservation, education, awareness and public involvement. To become a member of the Rockledge Heritage Foundation today, just fill out the form below and drop it in the mail. Thank you for your support! For questions regarding the Rockledge Heritage Foundation, [contact Rene LaMarr at 305-4975](#).

Rockledge Heritage Foundation Membership form



(Please circle one)

Individual.....\$25

Couple.....\$35

Gem.....\$50

Coquina.....\$100-500

Coral.....\$501-599

Keystone....\$600-999

Lifetime.....\$1000

(One time donation)

Other amount.....\$ _____

www.rockledgeheritage.org

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

For information on the RHF, contact Rene LaMarr 305-4975

Thank you for your contribution

Please mail your check to:

Rockledge Heritage Foundation, 11 Orange Ave., Rockledge, FL 32955

The Rockledge Heritage Foundation is a not-for-profit organization as qualified under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law

Annual City Surplus Property Auction

The City's annual surplus property auction will be held at the Public Works Complex on [Saturday, September 8, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m.](#) Inspection of surplus property available will begin at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the auction. The Public Works Complex is located at 1400 Garden Road, which is off Barton Boulevard across from the old police station. All purchases are by cash or local check only. An auction list will be available at City Hall on [Thursday, September 6, 2012](#) or on the website at www.cityofrockledge.org.

Facilities Available for Rent

Do you need a place to hold your baby shower, meeting, or other event? If so, take a look at these facilities available for rent by the City of Rockledge. Check out our website at www.cityofrockledge.org for pictures and further information.

Rockledge Municipal Building

11 Orange Avenue

The Rockledge Municipal Building is a Mediterranean Revival masonry structure, located in the center of three residential National Register Historic Districts on the banks of the Indian River Lagoon. Constructed in 1927, the building contained all of the municipal offices for services available at that time. The original double bi-fold wooden doors that covered the bay for the 1924 American LaFrance fire truck on one side, and the decorative spindles that covered the windows and doors of the other side where the library was located, have been recreated down to the finest detail, along with the three-cell jail. On the second floor, 1,250 square feet of refinished heart pine floors adorn the meeting room. This room is perfect for events such as workshops, lectures, receptions, or classes such as exercise, dance, and yoga.

The Old St. Mary's Church

56 Barton Avenue

This charming 1917 structure is a perfect example of the Craftsman and Bungalow style of its time and is nestled in the heart of the Rockledge Historical District. The charismatic appeal of its 1100 square feet makes it perfect for cozy ecumenical weddings, anniversary parties, lectures, workshops and similar events. The interior boasts restored heart pine floors, bead board wainscoting and interior trim, decorative pressed tin ceiling, and fourteen-diamond lattice work window panes. This piece of Rockledge History is available for rental.

Thompson House at Anderson Park

1220 Pluckebaum Road

This Cracker-style house nestled within 22 acres of an open park preserve is named after the Thompson Family, property owners of the 1930s. This welcoming 400 square foot house is perfect for hosting baby showers, small organization meetings, club meetings, and even an educational class field trip.

For more information, pricing, or to reserve any of these facilities, please [contact Rene LaMarr at \(321\) 305-4975](tel:3213054975).



**City of Rockledge
 Holiday Schedule For
 HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE • YARD TRASH •
 RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**



2012 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED BY THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE	NO PICK-UP ON THIS DAY (OFFICES CLOSED)	HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE If regular days are MONDAY & THURSDAY, Pickups will be made on	HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE If regular days are TUESDAY & FRIDAY, Pickups will be made on	RECYCLING/YARD TRASH IF REGULAR DAY FALLS ON OBSERVED HOLIDAY, PICKUP WILL BE MADE ON
Labor Day 2012	Sept 3rd (Mon)	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday, Sept. 4th
Veterans Day 2012	Nov 12th (Mon)	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday, Nov. 13th
Thanksgiving Day 2012	Nov 22nd (Thu)	Monday Only No Other Pick-up This Week	Tuesday Only No Other Pick-up This Week	NO PICK-UP Regular pick-up will resume next week
Day After Thanksgiving 2012	Nov 23rd (Fri)			
Christmas Day 2012	Dec 25th (Tues)	Monday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Wednesday, Dec. 26th
New Years Day 2013	Jan 1st (Tues)	Monday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Wednesday, Jan. 2nd

Note: This schedule is only for households within the City limits of Rockledge.



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