

Summer 2012

# About Town

The Official Newsletter of the City of Rockledge

The City celebrates its  
125th Birthday this  
Summer!

## Larry L. Schultz Park Dedicated

As a part of the annual Arbor Day ceremony, the dedication of the Larry L. Schultz Park was held on the afternoon of April 27, 2012 with approximately 150 people in attendance. The park is named in honor of former Mayor Larry L. Schultz who served on the City Council for 34 years until his retirement in 2011. Former Mayor Schultz was a driving force behind the development of the park. A tree was also planted in memory of Thomas Abruzzo. Pictured below are former Mayor Schultz and current Mayor Tom Price.



## Reclaimed Water Customers

If you are a reclaimed water customer, it is requested that you [contact the Wastewater Treatment Department at 690-3975](#) and provide an email address. This will place you on our notification list for alerts when water may not be available.

## Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Development

The Rockledge City Council is soliciting input for development of the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget for the City of Rockledge. The budget is developed between May and July with a workshop and public discussion meeting held on August 8, 2012 and public hearings and final adoption on September 5, 2012 and September 19, 2012. To gain information or provide input, [contact Assistant City Manager David Henderson at 690-3978 or via e-mail \[dhenderson@cityofrockledge.org\]\(mailto:dhenderson@cityofrockledge.org\)](#).

The City has recently received results of the audit and financial report for the previous fiscal year. The report indicated that the City is currently in excellent financial health.

## Water Quality Monitoring Update

The Barton Park Stormwater Facility has begun water quality monitoring, which is one of the final phases of the project. The first of many samples were taken recently, and the results will be forthcoming to determine the amount of pollutants entering the system and the removal ratio provided in the lake treatment.

## Space Coast Honor Flight

Supported by generous donations from individuals and businesses, Space Coast Honor Flight provides a one-day, all expenses paid trip to Washington, D. C. for Space Coast World War II Veterans to give them an opportunity to walk through their memorial, talk with colleagues and reflect upon the sacrifices they and others made that guaranteed the freedoms enjoyed today by Americans. Approximately 9,700 World War II Veterans reside in Brevard County. If you know a World War II Veteran interested in making a trip to their memorial, [please call 1-888-750-2522](tel:1-888-750-2522) and/or email [info@spacecoasthonorflight.org](mailto:info@spacecoasthonorflight.org). You can help by locating a veteran, being a guardian to escort a veteran to their memorial, volunteer your time for administrative support or making a donation to the 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. Visit the website at [www.spacecoasthonorflight.org](http://www.spacecoasthonorflight.org).

## 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:

June (Friday) 8<sup>th</sup> – (Thursday) 14<sup>th</sup>

July (Monday) 9<sup>th</sup> – (Friday) 13<sup>th</sup>

Aug (Wednesday) 8<sup>th</sup> – (Tuesday) 14<sup>th</sup>

Sept (Monday) 10<sup>th</sup> - (Friday) 14<sup>th</sup>

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

## Business Tax Receipts

All businesses operating in the City of Rockledge are required to obtain a Business Tax Receipt. If your business currently holds a valid Business Tax Receipt, you will be sent a renewal notice in early August. Renewals are due by October 1<sup>st</sup> and additional penalties will apply if payment is received after that date. If you are currently operating a business without a Business Tax Receipt, please apply in person at City Hall or you can download the forms on line at [www.cityofrockledge.org](http://www.cityofrockledge.org). If you have any questions, [please call the Building Division at \(321\) 690-3984.](#)

## Playful City USA

For the second year running, Rockledge has been named a [Playful City USA](#) community by KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization dedicated to saving play for America's children. You may recall that last year's designation as a [Playful City USA](#) was the driving force behind a community build project for the installation of a new playground at McLarty Park.

Rockledge is celebrating this year's designation with another community build playground project – at Robert A. Anderson Park, northeast corner of Pluckebaum Road and Clearlake Road. Scheduled for [Saturday, July 28, 2012](#), the City's project partners include Disney, KaBoom!, the ROC Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Rockledge, and Rockledge Rotary Club.

If you are interested in participating in this year's playground project, please contact [City Planner Alix Townsend](#) by phone at 321-690-3978 or by email [atownsend@cityofrockledge.org](mailto:atownsend@cityofrockledge.org), and sign up at <http://ourdreamplayground.org/projects/6693>.



## Heading to the pool this Summer? Make sure to pool safely!

As the temperatures get warmer, it's time to put on sunscreen and head outside. If your Summer adventures take you to a pool or spa, please remember to Pool Safely.

There are simple, proven water safety steps you and your family should take to safeguard against accidents at pools and spas. Key steps include:

**Stay Alert:** Stay close and watch your child by the pool.

**Know Water Safety Skills:** Learn to swim and practice CPR.

**Maintain Barriers:** Install protective barriers, such as four-sided fences and pool alarms. Make sure all fence gates and screen enclosure doors are self-closing and self-latching.

**Avoid Entrapments:** never enter a pool or spa with a loose, broken or missing drain cover.

Just adding one extra water safety step can make all the difference. The safest system is being alert at all times, knowing life-saving skills and having the right equipment (compliant drain covers, barriers, alarms and sensors). Add as many precautions as possible no matter how safe and responsible you already are.

How do you Pool Safely? To learn more, visit, [www.poolsafely.gov](http://www.poolsafely.gov) and [www.apsp.org](http://www.apsp.org) and follow Pool Safely on [Twitter@poolsafely](https://twitter.com/poolsafely). You may call the [Building Division](#) at 321-690-3984 if you have any questions.

## AROUND THE CITY

### PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Central Area Parks Operations Office  
840 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922  
Phone: 633-1874



### **SUMMER CAMPS**

**Preschool Camp** (pre-school half-day program)

**Traditional Community Center Camps** (entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade – completion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Teens** (must have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Nature/Marine Biology** (ages 12 – 16)

Registration for all camps is going on now!

**Traditional Camp dates:** May 29<sup>th</sup> – August 10, 2012

**Specialty Camp dates:** June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup> & July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 27, 2012

Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM

Before Care: 7 AM – 9 AM

After Care: 4 PM – 6 PM

### MEMORIAL WALL AT LARRY L. SCHULTZ PARK

Plaques for the Memorial Wall dedicated to our fallen heroes from the community (Police, Fire, and Military) are available through the Recreation, Open Space and Conservation Foundation. If you have a loved one who has passed and served in law enforcement, fire service, or was a military veteran, [contact Don Griffin at 690-3978](#) and information can be provided as to how you can memorialize your friend or loved one. [Plaques are 5" X 7" and allow for three lines of information at a cost of \\$25.](#)

### STREET RESURFACING

The following is a list of streets that are scheduled to be milled and/or resurfaced [this Summer](#):

- Gus Hipp Boulevard
- Seminole Drive
- Pineland Drive
- St. Andrews Drive
- Eyster Boulevard portion of Walk the Rock Pedestrian/Bike Path

Notices will be distributed to residents and businesses affected as the scheduled dates are known. Please do not park in the street on the days scheduled for milling and resurfacing.

### ALARM SYSTEM UPDATES

The Rockledge Police Department will be calling residents and businesses to update contact information regarding alarm systems. If you would like to call the Police Department and update your information, [please contact Lisa Brady at 690-3213 ext. 3151](#). Please remember that all information is **CONFIDENTIAL**.

## News and Notes from the Community Redevelopment Agency

To say that it has been a busy couple of months in the Redevelopment District is an understatement! The District has recently become home to three new businesses! Two of these establishments are located in the Three Meadows Plaza / Aldi Market Place at the corner of Barnes Boulevard and Murrell Road, while the other is situated in the former True Value hardware store in Rockledge Square (Publix Shopping Center) on U.S. 1.

At Three Meadows Plaza on April 24, we celebrated the grand opening of Crispy's Beer & Wine Bar, an inviting and comfortable lounge featuring 40 craft beers on tap and over 200 bottled specialty beers and ales, not to mention a number of excellent wines. Then, on May 1, Country Cookin' Diner began operations at its newest locale, also in Three Meadows Plaza. Originally affiliated with Kountry Kitchen Diner in Merritt Island, Country Cookin' Diner has two other successful locations in Cocoa and Port St. John, and we are pleased to welcome them to Rockledge on their newest venture! Their grand opening, held on May 15, was coordinated by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

At the other end of town at Rockledge Square, we commemorated the grand opening of the Wuesthoff Auxiliary Thrift Shop on April 26. Proceeds received from the sale of donated items will go toward medical scholarships and other health-related endeavors.

We wish all of our new merchants much success, and we hope the community will support them!



## Recycling Success

Since implementation of a single stream recycling system, the results have been outstanding. The system was implemented in October 2011 and when comparing the first quarter of 2011 with 2012, the volume has increased 77% from 266 tons to 470 tons. Thank you, Rockledge citizens, for your participation in reducing garbage to the landfill!



## 2011 Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations go to Duane Daski, who has been selected as the City of Rockledge's 2011 Volunteer of the Year. He was honored at the Volunteer Breakfast, which was held in April. Duane has given his time to the City through his service on the Board of Adjustment, Business Development Committee, and Community Redevelopment Agency. He volunteers at numerous City events, including the Car Shows, Trash Bash, Art/Craft Show, and Wednesday/Friendsday. He has his own plot at the Community Garden, and he offers countless hours to Rockledge High School's Interact Club, along with Rockledge Rotary. We thank Duane for his dedication and hard work. Congratulations, Duane!



## EVENT CALENDAR

### Memorial Day Parade

**Sunday, May 27, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.**

The Second Annual Memorial Day Parade will begin at McLarty Stadium and proceed north on Murrell Road to Barton Boulevard and then west, with the final destination being McLarty Park. Festivities will culminate with a ceremony and refreshments at McLarty Park. There will be marching bands, floats, displays and the Masonic District will offer a Child ID Program. Looking forward to seeing you line Barton Boulevard so we may all honor those who have sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy as Americans! The event is sponsored by VFW Post 4534 and the City of Rockledge.

### Special Get-Together

**Tuesday, July 3, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at McLarty Park**

This year, in conjunction with the yearlong celebration of the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the City of Rockledge will be holding a **Special Get-Together at McLarty Park on the evening of Tuesday, July 3, 2012, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**, featuring local songwriter and recording artist Sheryl Paige, along with her friends from the group "Minimum Wake". This event will help us to kick off the Independence Day Holiday. There will be live music, along with beer, wine, soft drinks and tasty food for sale. There will also be door prizes, raffles and giveaways. The stage will be set up for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration the next day, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and enjoy an evening with your neighbors. NO ADMISSION CHARGE!

### City to Host 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Independence Day Picnic

**Wednesday, July 4, 2012 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at McLarty Park**

Preparations are already in the works for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Rockledge Independence Day Family Picnic at McLarty Park. This year's event will take place on **Wednesday, July 4, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.** The picnic is funded by donations from generous sponsors throughout the area and is staffed by City personnel, citizen volunteers, Brevard County Parks & Recreation personnel, and members of the Kiwanis Club of Rockledge, who are the chefs for the day. One dollar (\$1.00) will buy a hamburger or hot dog, chips, and a drink. There will be games, musical entertainment, and plenty of time to relax and visit with your friends and neighbors. Just five dollars (\$5.00) will buy a whole day of fun for the kids in the inflatable area! If you or your company is interested in making a financial donation to the picnic, please contact **Jennifer Hall at 690-3213 ext. 3156**. We hope to see you there!

### National Night Out 2012

**Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. at McLarty Park**

Join us for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out Event on **Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 5-8 p.m. at McLarty Park**. This is our chance to show criminals that we are united in our communities and ready to stand up against crime. There will be free food, entertainment, games, an obstacle course and bounce house, along with a chance to visit numerous business vendor booths. You won't want to miss this!

### Rockledge Night at Space Coast Stadium

**Friday, August 10, 2012 at 6:35 p.m. at Space Coast Stadium**

On **Friday night, August 10**, Space Coast Stadium will host "Rockledge Night" celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of the City of Rockledge. **The game begins at 6:35 p.m.** as the Manatees host the Tampa Yankees. Rockledge businesses will be set up in the concourse and the evening will feature many special events. Tickets will be available at City Hall and businesses throughout the community. Come out and celebrate!

## 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](http://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.

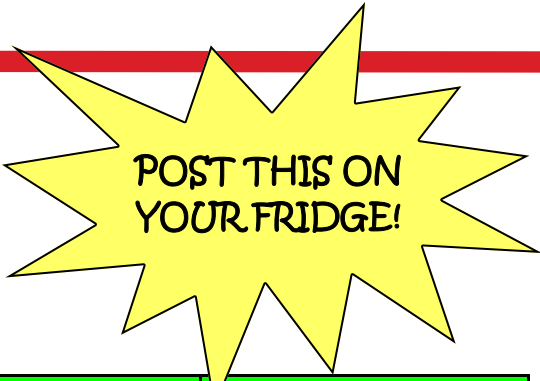
### Thompson House at Anderson Park 1220 Pluckebaum Road

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](mailto:rene.lamarr@cityofrockledge.org).



**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
Memorial Day 2012	May 28th (Mon)	Tuesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday, May 29th
Independence Day 2012	July 4th (Wed)	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday & Friday	Thursday, July 5th
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

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

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