

Spring 2012

About Town

The Official Newsletter of the City of Rockledge

EVENT CALENDAR

Trash Bash 2012

The City of Rockledge and Keep Brevard Beautiful invite the citizens of Rockledge and Brevard County to join them on [Saturday, March 17, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. until Noon](#), for the Great American Cleanup. Registration will take place in the Rockledge City Hall parking lot at 1600 Huntington Lane. The first 100 participants will receive free T-shirts, and there will be a cookout after the cleanup. If your organization or civic group would be interested in participating in this year's Trash Bash, please [call Rene LaMarr at the Community Redevelopment Agency, 305-4975](#). Do your part to help Keep Rockledge Beautiful.

Boogie Down at the Hall!

The City of Rockledge and the Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce cordially invite you to the [16th Annual Table Top Expo & Wednesday/Friendsday](#) at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane on [Wednesday, March 7, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.](#) This year's theme is "Disco," so drag out those bellbottoms and get down tonight, baby! If you would like more information, please [contact Rene LaMarr at the Community Redevelopment Agency, 305-4975](#). The event is open to the public, with a \$10 charge for Chamber members and a \$20 charge for non-members, which covers food, drink, entertainment, and exhibit access.

City of Rockledge Employee Charity Golf Tournament

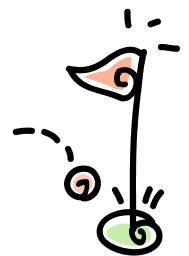
City of Rockledge employees will be hosting the 14th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on [May 19, 2012 at Rockledge Country Club](#). Each year a charity is chosen by a different City department, and this year the Public Works Department has chosen

[Sentinels of Freedom](#). Businesses or individuals may sponsor a hole with a donation of:

- \$100 Hole Sponsor
- \$250 Silver
- \$500 Gold – will include fees for 2 golfers
- \$1,000 Platinum – will include fees for 4 golfers

The tournament is open to team sponsors, and player fees are \$60 per person.

For more information or to become a hole sponsor, contact [Connie Davis at 690-3978](#).



Single Stream is a Success!

The single Stream Recycling program is in full swing and has been a huge success thanks to the participation of residents and some commercial businesses in the city.

The Public Works Division has received many positive emails and comments, with one citizen even attaching pictures demonstrating unique ways to bring attention to recycling in the home.

Thank you, Rockledge citizens and businesses, for recycling and extending the years of our local landfills!



Stormwater Update

The Barton Stormwater Facility has begun water quality monitoring, which is one of the final phases of the project. The monitoring will sample the incoming stormwater flows for pollutants and sample the discharge stormwater flows for the removal of pollutants.

This project has given the city a large number of credits through the EPA and FDEP programs for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) that discharge to the Indian River Lagoon. The city obtained a FDEP 319(H) grant fund to achieve the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) along with matching funds from the Stormwater Utility. The monitoring is expected to be completed within eighteen to twenty-four months, depending on rainfall events.

City Honors Orville Susong

If you are not yet acquainted with "Orville", chances are that you are new to the area or have vaguely associated the name with a popular brand of popcorn. Orville is not the popcorn guy, but he is the community go-to guy for all things Rockledge Little League – among a myriad of other topics.

And so it goes that after more than 18 years of volunteer service to Rockledge Little League Baseball & Softball in almost every available capacity, and having held several positions on the Rockledge Little League Board of Directors, Orville has been honored with a permanent and visible representation of his service. At the February 18th Opening Day Ceremonies hosted by Rockledge Little League and attended by hundreds of locals, Rockledge Mayor Tom Price surprised Orville with a Proclamation naming the interior paved corridor within McLarty Park as "Orville Susong Circle" and declaring Monday, February 20, 2012 as "Orville Howard Susong Day" in Rockledge.

Councilman Smith Honored

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Lee Smith, Rockledge City Councilman, Seat #1, on his many years of dedicated service to Brevard Community College. Recently, the College dedicated Building 7 at the Melbourne Campus as the *Dr. Joe Lee Smith Teaching Center*. Well done, Dr. Smith!

Sherry Cazessus Named Deputy City Clerk

At its meeting on February 1, 2012, the Rockledge City Council formally appointed Senior Staff Assistant Sherry Cazessus to the position of Deputy City Clerk in anticipation of succeeding current City Clerk Betsi Beatty Moist when she retires. Sherry's appointment came at the recommendation of City Clerk Moist, who is confident in Sherry's abilities to provide a stable and smooth transition.

Sherry has been a member of the Clerk's Office for more than 10 years, during which time she has been instrumental in performing the functions of that office and more, most notably her management of the City's document imaging, retention and storage system that includes storage of documents from all departments at the City's off-site storage facility at Morris Park on Florida Avenue. She also serves as the Staff Assistant to the Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners.

Party Arty!

You are invited to join Central Brevard Art Association's "Spring Fling Garden ART Party" Saturday, March 31, 2012 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
103 Barton Boulevard (beside old Rockledge Police Station)



CBAA Members' Art for Sale
Clown Face Painting
Try-to-Paint Fun
Painting Demonstrations
CBAA Art Teachers Exhibit
Art in all mediums (oils, watercolors, silks, jewelry, photography)

Rain date: Sunday, April 1st

Info: [632-2922](tel:632-2922)

Changes at the Police Department

After many successful years of leadership for the Neighborhood Watch Program, Corporal Alice Deakins has returned to the Patrol Division. Alice was a key player in establishing the Neighborhood Watch Program as the best in the United States, as recognized by the National Sheriff's Association. Thanks, Alice, for your leadership in making Rockledge the best!

Officer Ilene Manzo will assume the duties of the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. She has been with the City for almost five years and has worked in the Patrol and Investigative Divisions. Congratulations, Ilene, and we know you will be successful.

AROUND THE CITY

SPRING STREET SWEEPING

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:

March (Thursday) 8th – (Wednesday) 14th

April (Monday) 9th – (Friday) 13th

May (Tuesday) 8th – (Monday) 14th

June (Friday) 8th – (Thursday) 14th

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

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Central Area Parks Operations Office
840 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa, FL 32922
Phone: [633-1874](#)

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30

For students who are enrolled in Kindergarten to 6th grade.

- Travis Park Community Center, Cocoa
- McLarty Park Community Center, Rockledge
- Kiwanis Island Park Community Center, Merritt Island

SUMMER CAMPS

Preschool Camp (pre-school half-day program)

Traditional Community Center Camps (entering 1st grade – completion of 6th grade)

Teens (must have completed 6th grade)

Nature/Marine Biology (ages 12 – 16)

Registration for all camps begins March 26, 2012

Traditional Camp dates: May 29th – August 10, 2012

Specialty Camp dates: June 11th – June 29th & July 9th – July 27, 2012

Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM

Before Care: 7 AM – 9 AM

After Care: 4 PM – 6 PM



NEWS AND NOTES FROM THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Rockledge Farmers Market

In an effort to better serve its customer base, the weekly Rockledge Farmers Market will be undergoing a complete overhaul. **Beginning on Feb. 29**, the weekly market will switch its day of operation to Wednesday, be administered by an experienced market manager and will **relocate to the former Rockledge Police Department at 123 Barton Blvd.** Market hours will be **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** We hope that these modifications will provide for additional vendors and an enjoyable shopping experience for our market's patrons. If you have any questions, **please call (321) 305-4975.**



Good Times at the Rockledge Art & Craft Show!

On February 4 and 5, 2012, Barton Boulevard was transformed from a thriving commercial corridor to a quaint artists' village. Nearly 80 vendors lined the westbound lanes of Barton for the Fourth Annual Rockledge Art and Craft Show. The two-day event featured sales of unique art, hand-made crafts, gourmet food items and other specialty wares.

On Saturday, more than 150 classic cars lined the eastbound lanes of Barton, and on Sunday, the event offered a display of antique tractors. Rockledge Little League, Woody's BBQ and Peace in the Garden Cafe joined with kettle corn and sno-cone vendors to provide patrons with a variety of excellent food items. "It was awesome to see all of the spectators that came out to support the show," said Redevelopment Specialist Lisa Nicholas. "We hope all of the show's participants, both vendors and attendees, had a wonderful time," Nicholas said.



More than 2,500 people came out to join in the fun and enjoy the event, which is sponsored by the Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency. In 2002, City Council established the Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency to foster revitalization of the area through public investments and public-private partnerships, resulting in a more inviting area in which the private sector will want to actively invest. This is accomplished, in large part, to hosting a number of special events designed to generate interest in and return people to the City of Rockledge. "In just four short years, the Rockledge Art and Craft Show has become remarkably popular, and we are very enthused about the potential of the show and have no doubt that it will keep on growing," said City Manager Jim McKnight. A very heartfelt and special thank you is extended to Event Coordinator Rene LaMarr and Logistics Coordinator Steve Wilson, as well as the entire Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners, for all of their hard work and dedication to making this an excellent event! Stay tuned for next year, when the **Fifth Annual Rockledge Art & Craft Show will take place on February 2 and 3, 2013!** Hope to see you there!

Building Permits

Spring is on its way and many citizens of Rockledge are planning home improvement projects. With that in mind, the Rockledge Building Division would like to remind everyone that before you start these projects, it's best to check with the Building Division to ensure that the plans for these improvements will meet the requirements for the City of Rockledge code, as well as the Florida Building Code. Also, we want to remind you that the following projects require a building permit:

- Replacing/adding a fence
- Re-roofing your home
- Building or replacing a shed or carport
- Pouring a driveway
- Making a sewer repair
- Replacing heating/air conditioning
- Adding/replacing gas water heater
- Making an electrical upgrade
- Any structural, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, or gas addition or repair

For assistance or more information, please [contact the Building Division at 321-690-3984](tel:321-690-3984).

Garage Sale Information

With the nice weather coming our way, many of you may have questions regarding the regulations that apply when having a garage sale. It is understood that garage sales are somewhat a way of American life and they are permitted in the City of Rockledge. If you have any questions regarding garage sales, [contact Maddie Curtis, Code Enforcement Officer, at 690-3984](tel:690-3984). The most important requirements are as follows:

- No more than four garage sales per year, per residence, and not more than one in any 30-day period.
- Limited to two signs (three square feet in surface area) not greater than three feet off the ground.
- Garage sales are limited to no more than three consecutive days and all signage must be removed by 6 p.m. on the final day.
- We permit NO SIGNAGE in the road right-of-way of Fiske Boulevard, Barton Boulevard, U.S. 1, Eyster Boulevard, Barnes Boulevard, Florida Avenue, or Murrell Road.
- Signs are not to be posted on trees, utility poles, street signs, public signage, or existing signs, and will not be placed at a corner lot to interfere with vehicle operator visibility.
- NO balloons, flags, pennants, or signs on vehicles.



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 690-3984](tel:690-3984).

Code Changes are Coming...

The 2010 Edition of the Florida Building Code takes effect March 15, 2012 and enacts substantial changes to wind load design criteria. The new code can be viewed online at www.floridabuilding.org.

McLarty Park Playground



On Saturday, February 11th, 2012, the City hosted a Community Build Day at McLarty Park. The purpose of this community build was to construct a new playground structure for kids 5 to 12 years old. The previous structure was the victim of arson two years ago. The City sought and was awarded a 20,000 grant from the non-profit KaBoom! This started the ball rolling, and additional funds and in-kind donations were received from the Kiwanis Club of

Rockledge, the ROC Foundation, W&J Construction, Pinnacle Rubber Mulch, Brevard County Parks and Recreation, Starbucks, Entenmanns, Hard Rock Café – Orlando, Community Kitchen, and Berry Signs. Thanks to those who donated their time, effort, money, and resources in order to accomplish this task.



Relay for Life

Celebrate cancer survivors and raise money to help fight cancer in a fun, festival-style atmosphere! Teams are forming now for Relay for Life of Rockledge! Come camp out for a cure at **12:00 p.m. on April 14, 2012 at Rockledge High School**. The event runs overnight and **ends with a closing ceremony at 6:00 a.m. on April 15**.

For more information, [please contact Dawn Gluskin at dgluskin@soltecelectronics.com](mailto:dgluskin@soltecelectronics.com). Help save lives and celebrate survival by signing up your team today!

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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