

AROUND THE SQUARE

Following the latest news and views from Serenoa

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It's **SUMMERTIME IN SERENOA...** and the livin' is easy.



Cool down, and shape up, at water aerobics every weekday morning. Check the online calendar for details.

SEASONAL STATISTICS

FROM LEMMON LINES

The warmest June on record in Vero Beach? It was 1998, with an average temperature of 83.4 degrees, followed by 2010 (82.3) degrees, and 2019 (82.2 degrees). The coolest June on record in Vero Beach? 1966, with an average temperature of 77.5 degrees, followed by 1984 (77.7 degrees, and 1968 (78.0 degrees).

SERENOA STORM WATCH

Are you ready for Hurricane Season (June 1st — Nov. 30th)?

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOW?

- Trim your trees and remove debris
- Register for a special needs or pet friendly shelter, if applicable.
- Download the IRC Official Disaster Guide at www.irces.com

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF THERE'S AN IMMINENT THREAT?

- Secure your home.
- Fill your car's gastank.
- Evacuate, if told to do so.
- Stay tuned to local media.

NOAA Weather Radio Government Channel 27

The Weather Channel

Radio Station WSCF 91.9 FM

EM Weather Line 567-2129

SERENOA SCOOPS

ICE CREAM SOCIAL A HUGE HIT!



Kilwin's and Baskin Robbins have nothing on the The Serenoa Sweet Shoppe! On Saturday, June 18th,

the Serenoa Social Committee transformed the Community Clubhouse into a "creamy, dreamy" ice cream parlor— treating the whole community to a fun-filled, afternoon get-together for the whole family. A huge turnout of ice cream connoisseurs gathered for some neighborly camaraderie, as they "savored the flavor" of scoops, cones and sundaes— with all the tasty fixins. Thanks to Diana Layton, and her crew, for making an early summer afternoon... even sweeter!



LAWN LESSONS

"As we enter the Summer Season, it's a good time to make sure your irrigation system is in tip-top shape to avoid those ugly brown spots."



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

THIRTEEN STARS & THIRTEEN STRIPES FLAG DAY IS JUNE 14TH

- It was on June 14th, 1777, that the Second Continental Congress selected the flag of the United States.
- In 1916, Woodrow Wilson signed the Proclamation making June 14th "National Flag Day."
- On June 14th, 1954, Dwight Eisenhower signed a Joint resolution adding the phrase "One Nation Under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.



Fireworks have a long and colorful history, but the story of how they became integral to July 4 dates back to the summer of 1776, during the first months of the Revolutionary War. On July 1, delegates of the Continental Congress were in Philadelphia, debating whether the 13 original colonies should declare their independence from Britain's Parliament, as well as King George III himself.

That night, news arrived that British ships had sailed into New York Harbor, posing an immediate threat to the Continental

Why Do We Celebrate July 4 With Fireworks?
The tradition dates nearly as far back as the country's beginning and was proposed by one of the Founding Fathers.

troops commanded by George Washington. On July 2, delegates from 12 colonies voted in favor of independence (New York would follow suit on July 9) and the motion carried. On July 3, even as Congress revised a draft of the declaration composed by Thomas Jefferson, an excited John Adams took up his pen to write to his wife, Abigail.

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epocha, in the history of America," Adams wrote. *"I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary Festival... It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games,*

sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more." Adams prediction would prove to be two days off. On July 4, after making a total of 86 (mostly small) changes to Jefferson's draft, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, though most of the delegates didn't even sign the document until August 2. Some impromptu celebrations greeted the declaration's first public readings on July 8, but the first organized celebration of Independence Day would take place in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777.

In 1870, Congress established Independence Day as an official holiday.

A PATRIOTIC OUTPOURING AT INDEPENDENCE DAY BASH

Serenoans had stars, and stripes, in their eyes on July 3, as they gathered together in celebration of America's 246th birthday. The Clubhouse was adorned in its patriotic best, as neighbors shared a traditional Fourth of July, barbecue luncheon with enough delicious food, and drink, to satisfy the Continental Army. A big salute to Mike Bushong, and Bob Shepard, who manned the grills, and to all the party-goers who generously provided a red, white and blue banquet of appetizers, salads, and mouth-watering desserts. Congrats to Bob and Christine Morelli, who shared the "50-50" haul with the Social Committee... to the victors of the highly competitive "Corn hole" tournament... and to Kathy Vergara, who graciously shared the birthday spotlight with Uncle Sam. Our kudos go out to Diana Layton, and her Social Committee troops, for making this Independence Day... one for the history books.

Live like a tourist!

Places to go!
Things to see!



THE LILIES ARE IN BLOOM!

MCKEE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Visitors to McKee Gardens traverse the landscape by way of winding pathways, beneath a canopy of century-old trees, and accompanied by quiet streams and pristine ponds that support one of the largest collection of water lilies in the southern U.S.. The 18-acre site maintains more than 10,000 species of plants, and often presents nature-inspired art exhibitions featured along the garden paths. McKee's Garden Café is a welcome oasis for lunch, and the Children's Garden has educational activities and interactive exhibits for the whole family. This is an entertainment experience that never stops growing.

THE McCLARTY TREASURE MUSEUM

The McLarty Treasure Museum is located at 13180 North A1A on North Hutchinson Island, north of Windsor and Vero Beach on the barrier island at the north end of Indian River County.



The museum occupies part of the former site of the Survivors' and Salvagers' Camp— 1715 Fleet, and is part of Sebastian Inlet State Park. It houses exhibits on the history of

the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet, and it features artifacts, displays, and an observation deck that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. An A&E Network production, *The Queen's Jewels and the 1715 Fleet*, is shown, telling of the fleet's attempt to return to Spain when a hurricane struck off the Florida coast 300 years ago.

More points of interest

Farmer's Market Oceanside
www.farmersmarketonline.com/fm/FarmersMarketOceanside.html
Sebastian Inlet State Park
<https://www.floridastateparks.org/Sebastian-Inlet>

FUN FACTS

ABOUT THE SUNSHINE STATE

- Stephen Foster, who wrote our state song, never visited Florida, or ever saw the Suwannee River.
- Florida is the only state with a name so popular, it is used twice (on two different rivers)— Withlacoochee.
- The world's first scheduled passenger airline was piloted by Tony Jannus from St. Petersburg to Tampa on January 1, 1914.
- Florida is not the southernmost state in the United States. It's actually Hawaii. Key West, however, is home to the southernmost point of the continental United States.
- The Everglades National Park is the only place where alligators and crocodiles coexist. And, South Florida is the only place you can find both alligators and crocodiles in the wild.

—Courtesy Blue Turtle News



Local color. Local flavor.

The atmosphere? Pure Florida. The Food? Southern eclectic. Fresh caught, and impeccably-prepared, fish specialties, the best Rueben sandwich south of Manhattan, and sunsets like no where else on the Treasure Coast, *The Riverside Cafe* serves up a down-home Florida dining experience like no other in Vero Beach. Stop in for lunch or dinner, let your hair down, have a cold one, and bask in the hospitality, the ambiance, and the view — at one of Vero's most popular watering holes.

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PASTEL PLEASE

Soft, soothing, home colors are a staple of many coastal areas. For many new residents — who've flocked to Florida in recent years— pastel facades have street appeal. These muted tones express a welcoming palette— with soft greens and yellows taking center stage— instead of the bright pinks, or neon-type hues, that are popular in the keys. No other community in Vero presents such “easy-on-the-eyes” architecture like Serenoa.



WHO'S WALKING WHO?

As the the late day sun begins its descent, the streets on the north side of Serenoa suddenly fill with residents, and their four legged friends— strolling chatting, and... *taking care of business*. Come join the “Canine Constitutional”, or start your own social stroll. Not a dog owner? Not a problem. All are welcome!



Here are the Serenoa residents' most preferred home colors by %.

- Downing Sand.....17.0%
- Breezy Blue11.0%
- Stone Lion Brown11.0%
- Colonial Revival Gray.....11.0%
- Cupola Yellow10.0%
- Coastal Plain Green7.5%
- Shoji White7.0%
- Sky Blue.....7.0%
- Butter Up Yellow.....7.0%
- Beach House Beige5.5%
- Mint Green5.0%
- Soft Apricot5.0%
- Green Earth.....1.0%



SPRING CONTEST PIX PICKED

Congrats to John Decker, Helen Pilgrim, Marci Buck, and Roseanne Marincas for their winning entries. Thoughtfully judged by Billy Ocker, Indian River Photo Club Prez, the winning pic demonstrates that whimsical imagery has its place among traditional photographic subject matter.

A big round of applause for all our volunteers

Civic responsibility is the beating heart of every community.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the many volunteers for sharing their advice, time, treasure and talent— spending hours attending to issues that impact all of us. Without your support, we would not have the ability to make a positive impact on our community.

— Kristine, Diana, John, Warren, Tim

WELCOME

Greetings to all the new homeowners who have joined the Serenoa family. You're gonna love it here!

Spread the news!

If you have a story to share — an unusual personal event, a neighbor-helping-neighbor theme, or maybe a family celebration of note— take a moment to e-mail the Communications Committee outlining the story, and we might feature your narrative in an upcoming issue.

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