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Brevard County District 1

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"It's a pleasure to get to serve you as your commissioner. I truly love our county and love our citizens."

"My prayers are always for the safety of you and your families and that we would all have a good quality of life in Brevard County."

*District 1 Commissioner
Rita Pritchett*



Adrienne Schmadeke
Chief of Staff



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Legislative Aide



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Secretary



Life is Good in Brevard County!

We have certainly endured many serious events over the past years. Our county has stayed strong and we have gained good ground. Good job to each of you who have worked hard and remained faithful. Let's highlight some of these accomplishments.

Countywide Interest Items

- **Brevard County is the 10th largest county in Florida.** With our 2024 population estimated to reach 656,595, we are growing at an average of 2% yearly. Good strategies in the past year have paid off with a healthy economy into our future.
- **Train Station:** Brightline has committed to a train station in Cocoa. This will revolutionize transportation in our region, boost economic development, and enhance connectivity for both residents and visitors.
- **Ritch Grissom Memorial Wetlands** in Viera is open after a seven month cleanup effort to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus levels from the ponds that ultimately reach the St. John's River. The project is estimated to be complete by June. It is lovely and recommend a family field trip.
- **Reverse Osmosis:** Brevard County Utilities is moving forward to install reverse osmosis for the treatment of drinking water at Brevard County's water plant in Mims and the proposed South Brevard Water Treatment Plant.
- **Budget Season:** The Board of County Commissioners gave direction to the county manager to maintain a frugal budget without tax increase.
- **Roads:** 60 miles of Brevard County roads were resurfaced in 2023 and 55 miles are in-progress for resurfacing this year.
- **Beach and Dune Restoration:** A total of \$74.6 million in grants were ascertained for 25 miles of beach restoration. 75% of the shoreline length's sand renourishment will be in place before the 2024 hurricane season. Native dune planting will be done when sand renourishment is complete.

Space

Brevard County's Space Industry is thriving and continues to pass all benchmarks. In 2024, the projected launch total could reach an unprecedented 111 launches. SpaceX had two launches on the Saturday of Easter weekend.

(aerospace companies employing our community are listed on page 4)

Upcoming Launches:

- April 21, 8:00 pm: SpaceX Falcon 9
- May 1, 12:55 am: Boeing Starliner's first Crew Flight Test launching on ULA Atlas 5 rocket
- June 25, TBD: SpaceX Falcon Heavy
- Summertime TBD: SpaceX Falcon 9 - Crew Dragon spacecraft.



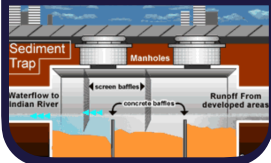
Night launch of SpaceX Falcon Heavy
(photo by Adrienne Schmadeke)

Indian River Lagoon

We invest 67 million dollars yearly and are seeing progress. Projects include baffle boxes for stormwater, waste water treatment facility upgrades, converting septic to sewer, upgrading septic systems, harvesting aquatic vegetation, removing muck, interstitial water treatment, and oyster bars.

168,000 lbs of nitrogen stopped before reaching the lagoon

45 completed stormwater projects



596 homes converted from septic to sewer



700,000 cu yds of muck removed



3.2 million lbs of nitrogen removed by dredging



Sunrise over the Indian River Lagoon at Tom Statham Park, Titusville. (photo by Adrienne Schmadeke)

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season will be here before you know it. It's time to check the Spring list for living in Florida:

- Trim trees early and schedule with Waste Management for pickup.
- Build a Disaster Supply Kit (and update as needed)



DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



General

- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights
Do not use candles
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- ☐ Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- ☐ Cell phone chargers
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/ microchip information
- ☐ Water and food bowls

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Moistened towelettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
 - ☐ Medical records
 - ☐ Banking information
 - ☐ Copies of social security cards
 - ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- *Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water
1 gallon per person per day
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates, napkins, plastic cups, and utensils

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers

Find a full disaster supply kit checklist at FloridaDisaster.org/Kit

District 1 Updates, 2023-2024

New Developments

- **Comfort Suites**, 122-room hotel in Titusville
- **Home2 Suites**, 18,536 sq ft hotel in Titusville.
- **Hydrosaurus Brewing Company**, a beverage production area, taproom, & cafe in Titusville.
- **Pier 13 Coffee**, retail coffee shop & roasting facility in Titusville.
- **Culvers** has opened in Titusville.
- **Burger King** is building a new restaurant near downtown Titusville.
- **Tootie's Grocery** has opened in Mims.
- **All Points Logistics**, a 260,000 sq. ft. center at NASA's Kennedy Space Center creating 200 new jobs.
- **Amazon**, 100,000 sq. ft. assembly facility at NASA's Kennedy Space Center for its Kuiper satellite system and anticipates employing 50 technicians and aerospace engineers.
- **GenH2**, 94,601 sq ft manufacturing facility & 35,000 sq ft of office space in Titusville.
- **Spaceport Commerce Park**, 100,800 sq ft industrial warehouse building.
- **Space Coast Innovation Park**, three new industrial buildings totaling 639,040 sq ft.
- **Orange Plumbing**, 17,371 sq ft industrial building with an office in Titusville.
- **Titusville Assisted Living Facility**, 96,894 sq ft facility in Titusville.
- **321 Launch**, 14,400 manufacturing building at the Space Coast Executive Airport.
- **Titusville Square Business Building**, 7,345 sq ft office building in the Village Square Plaza.
- **Titusville Commons**, carwash and 3 outparcels on Cheney Highway.
- **Titusville Resort & Destination**, revitalization of the former Searstown/Titusville Mall.
- **Dr. Sally Ride Memorial (NASA Causeway) Bridge**: The eastbound bridge has been completed and the westbound bridge is currently scheduled to open in the summer of 2025.
- **Florida Power and Light** is undertaking a project to replace overhead powerlines with underground power lines north of Palm Avenue & west of US 1 in Mims.

Expanding

- **Futuramic**, 6,000 sq. ft. addition
- **Astrotech**, 30,000 sq ft warehouse expansion
- **Stinger Fiberglass**, 19,700 sq ft addition to the manufacturing facility.
- **South Lake Elementary**, utility improvements, car-loop addition, and new portables.
- **First Pentecostal Church** on Norwood in Titusville, a 11,682 sq ft addition.
- **Valiant Air Command**, 15,268 sq ft event hangar

Parks

- **Chain of Lakes Park**: the renovations of all seven softball fields have been completed with a new field in construction.
- **Singleton Tennis Courts**: planning is underway for construction of a new restroom and four pickleball courts.
- **Gibson Complex** has leased property to GROW Non-Profit Services to assist those that are currently running or who would like to run a non-profit organization.
- **Blanton Park** (Titusville): parking areas, pedestrian, & stormwater improvements.
- **Parrish Park Titusville Trailhead**: Construction is underway on \$4.5 million improvements to save the causeway, beach, and family areas.



Horseshoe crabs spawning at Parrish Park.
(photo by Laurilee Thompson)

New Housing

Single Family Home Communities

Watermark

Camp Rd, Cocoa

Toscana Village at Verona

Grissom Pkwy and Willow Creek Blvd, Titusville

Brookshire

Garden St & I-95, Titusville

Falcon's Roost

Knox McRae Dr, Titusville

Fox Glen

Fennec Lane & Canaveral Groves Blvd, Cocoa

The Shores at Tranquility

Riveredge Dr, north of NASA Causeway, Titusville

Brooks Landing

Jay Jay Rd, Titusville

Adamson Creek

Adamson Rd & Saxton Rd, Cocoa

Fox Hammock

Arctic Circle & South St, Titusville

The Greens at Indian River Preserve

Indian River Pkwy, Mims

Huntington Park

S. Park Avenue, Titusville

Duplex & Townhome Communities

Morrow Place at Indian River Preserve

Clubhouse Dr & Morrow Place, Mims

Palmetto Ridge Condominiums

Sprout Lane, Titusville

Oak Ridge Townhomes

Sisson Rd, Titusville

SNJ Townhomes

Elizabeth Ave & Whispering Hills Rd, Titusville

Fox Hollow

Fox Hollow Dr, Titusville

Housing Authority of Brevard County

1211 Main St, Titusville



Beautiful beaches, especially at sunrise. (photo by Adrienne Schmadeke)

Apartment Communities

Horizon at Sand Point

300 N Washington Ave, Titusville

Riverwalk Apartments

5305 S Washington Ave, Titusville

Bristol on Windover

Windover Way, Titusville

Titusville Apartments

Fox Lake Rd & South St, Titusville

Tropic Apartments

Tropic St & South Singleton Ave, Titusville

Titusville Multi-Family Project

Barna Ave & Knox McRae Dr, Titusville

Titusville Chance Partners

Columbia Blvd & Challenger Memorial Pkwy

Palmetto Complex

1600 Palmetto St, Titusville

DeLeon Village

Washington Ave, Titusville

Apollo Gardens

Demaret Dr, Titusville

Brevard employed by Aerospace

- SpaceX
- Aerojet Rocketdyne
- Jacobs Technology
- Raytheon
- Bechtel National
- A.I. Solutions
- Amentum Services
- Rocket Lab USA
- Astrotech Space Operations
- Airbus U.S. Space and Defense
- Department of Defense
- Relativity Space
- Boeing
- Lockheed Martin
- United Launch Alliance
- OneWeb Satellites
- NASA
- ERC
- JP Donovan Construction
- HSG
- Air Liquide
- Astra Space Operations
- United States Armed Services
- Rocketstar
- Blue Origin
- Northrop Grumman
- L3Harris
- Embraer
- Air Products & Chemicals
- PAE-SGT Partners
- Chenega Global Protection
- Aleut Building Company
- A. West Enterprises
- Axiom Space
- Space Perspective
- Firefly Aerospace