



Merritt Island

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Brevard Veterans Council, Inc. & Veterans Memorial Center, Inc. Installation of Officers and Appreciation Luncheon

On July 8, 2009 Commissioner Nelson attended the annual Brevard Veterans Council, Inc. and Veterans Memorial Center, Inc. appreciation luncheon and presided over the installation of Officers for year 2009-2010.



The new Officers for the Brevard Veterans Council, Inc. are Chairman Skip Bateman, Vice Chairman Maurice Meisner, Chaplain Jim Peterman, and Treasurer Emma Meinser; Board members include Joe Hershey, Charles Tillery, Ed Barnett, Nick Beninate, Ty Furbish, Sy Berman, John Howard, Bill Kowalczyk, Frank Kunze, Mel Mueller, and Ed Walsh.

The new Officers for the Veterans Memorial Center, Inc. are President Maurice Meisner, Vice President Skip Bateman, Chaplain Jim Peterman, and Treasurer Emma Meisner. The Directors include Ed Barnett, John Howard, Paul Specia, Sy Berman, Frank Kunze, Mel Mueller, Nick Beninate, David Brand, and Ed Walsh.



The Brevard County Parks & Recreation Department invites youth aged 6th through 8th grade to **Island Jam** on Saturday, August 29, 2009 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Kiwanis Island Park on Merritt Island. Teens can watch local performers on a mobile stage, play on inflatable games, skate at the skate park and play in basketball tournaments. There will be a food court area with hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, snow cones, ice cream and drinks. The drop-off area and pick-up loop are located at the front of the park. (transportation *will not* be provided from off site locations) For more information call Parks & Recreation at 453-1380 or visit www.brevardparks.com.

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Pine Island Conservation Area

On July 7th the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners authorized the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program to bid and award a contract to the lowest bidder for the design and installation of environmental education and historical exhibits at the Sams House at the Pine Island Conservation Area. The exhibits will educate visitors on the more than 50,000 years of history associated with the Pine Island Conservation Area and will emphasize the significant Native American occupation and burial mound. Sams House will be used as the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program Central Region Management and Education Center and the cabin will be used to display exhibits. It will be open to the public in early 2010.

The voter approved Environmentally Endangered Lands Program partnering with the St. Johns River Water Management District acquired this 1000-acre conservation area in 1996. This area buffers the Indian River Lagoon from habitat fragmentation, provides regional stormwater treatment in the on-site borrow lakes, and provides passive recreation and environmental education opportunities.



Passive Recreation opportunities at this unique conservation area include bicycling; horseback riding trails, fishing (lake and river), hiking, paddling and wildlife observation. You may visit the Pine Island Conservation Area on North Merritt Island on the eastern shore of the Indian River at the end of Pine Island Road. For more information contact the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program at www.eelbrevard.com or at (321) 255-4466.