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## HELP FLORIDA'S ENDANGERED SEA TURTLES



Photo posted and shared by: [www.seaturtlespacecoast.org](http://www.seaturtlespacecoast.org) \* Article provided by the Environmental Advisory Board

Sea Turtle nesting season officially began in Brevard County on March 1. During this time, construction activities on the beach are curtailed and the entire Brevard coastline is monitored daily until turtle nesting season ends on October 31. The hallmark of the season is when mother turtles emerge from the ocean in the darkness to deposit eggs on shore in sand nests. Mother turtles use their back flippers to form a nest where they deposit about 100 eggs. Females will normally lay several nests during one season. Approximately two months later, hundreds of tiny hatchlings emerge from their sand cocoons during the night, orient themselves to the brightest horizon, and clamber to the ocean. This rapid trek to the sea is essential for the survival of the hatchlings as they are faced with many obstacles including natural predators and human-caused factors.

Remember it is unlawful to harass or take sea turtles or any part of sea turtles or their eggs. In addition, lights on the beach are regulated from May 1 to October 31. Let's all work together to ensure that sea turtles remain an integral part of the Florida ecosystem. "For most of the wild things on earth, the future must depend upon the conscience of mankind." - Dr. Archie Carr, father of modern marine turtle biology and conservation

**What can you do to help sea turtles?** The Sea Turtle Preservation Society urges us to:

When crossing a dune, please use designated cross-overs and walk ways. Do not climb over the dunes or disturb dune vegetation.

Do not approach an adult turtle coming out of the water to nest.

Use caution when digging on the beach. You may destroy a turtle nest.

Try to avoid going to the beach at night, but if you do go, limit walking and do not use flashlights or flash cameras which can disorient turtles.

If you are beachside, keep exterior lights to a minimum. Also, conceal interior lights with window treatments. (Baby hatchlings head toward lights from buildings and streets, rather than the safety of the sea).

If you see an injured or dead sea turtle, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission 1-888-404-9322.



# Chief Duncan's Safety Junction

## Hurricane Preparedness



According to the National Hurricane Center, the Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1st and ends November 30th. Chief Duncan encourages you to be prepared.

### General Supplies

Use this list to help you collect items you'll need during and after a storm.

**Pack a to-go bag:** This overnight bag should be easy to take with you if you have to evacuate in a hurry and should include a change of clothes, bottled water, flashlight and important documents.

**Cash:** ATMs and credit card machines may not work for a while after the storm.

**Battery-operated radio:** Make sure you have extra batteries too, so that you can keep up with news reports and alerts. Hand-crank radios work well, too.

**Secure a two-week supply of prescription medicine:** Anyone on prescription medications, as well as pregnant women, should pack a two-week supply of their meds in a sealable plastic bag, clearly labeled. Include instructions for taking the medications, too.

**Flashlight and lanterns:** Make sure you have a couple of flashlights, candles, matches, lanterns and other alternate sources of light.

**Personal hygiene items:** It might be hard to get to the store to buy toilet paper, tissues, soap and other sanitary items after the storm.

**Extra keys:** Having an extra set of keys in your kit is a good idea in case people get separated or if they're lost in a flood or the confusion.

**Pet items:** Remember food, medicine and water for your pet, too.

**Checklist:** This printable checklist can serve as a guide for your own personal checklist. Give one to each family member to personalize.

**Extra batteries:** You'll need extra batteries for your radio, flashlights, and

other items. Get these early before they all sell out.

**Prepare early:** Emergency items sell out quickly at the stores, so stock up your kit before hurricane season even starts, and replenish food supplies every six months.

### First Aid

These first aid items are a must for every household.

**Antiseptic solution:** Keep this on hand to keep infections at bay.

**Allergy medicine:** Storms can blow in all kinds of icky stuff that drive your allergies wild.

**First aid instructions:** Print out instructions for the Heimlich, CPR and other basic aid in case you panic in an emergency.

**Mosquito repellent:** If it floods — or even rains a lot — your area could have a serious and potentially dangerous mosquito problem.

**Prescription glasses:** If you run out of contact solution or all the nastiness in the air after a storm irritates you, you'll have back-up glasses.

**Adhesive tape:** You can use this to fasten bandages, hold large lacerations together and even splint broken bones.

**Gauze, bandages and band-aids:** Even little cuts and scrapes need to be dressed, so have a range of bandages on hand.

**Hand sanitizer:** Nothing compares to soap and water, but in a fix, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol will help.

**Sunscreen:** If you have to evacuate, take sunscreen with you in case you get stuck on the highway.

### Repair and Maintenance

Here you'll find tips for keeping your house and property in order.

**Plywood:** Nailing plywood over windows is still the best option for protecting the inside of your house.

**Sand bags:** If you live in a low area, es-

pecially, use sand bags to dispel water.

**Bring outside furniture indoors:** Move patio furniture and pool toys into the garage.

**Turn off utilities if you leave:** Before evacuating, shut off power, propane gas and water, but leave on natural gas unless told to do so by authorities. A licensed professional is the only one who can turn it back on.

**Anchor mobile homes:** Pre-1994 construction mobile homes probably aren't anchored well enough to stand even Category 1 hurricanes.

**Prepare your pool:** Make sure water drains for the deck, store toys, and close umbrellas.

**Lock windows and doors:** Lock up your windows and doors for personal safety and to keep the wind from blowing them open.

**Prune trees and shrubs:** Loose limbs and plants will fly around easily when the winds pick up.

**Get storm shutters:** Place these over glass doors, windows and skylights.

**Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors:** Make sure these will work even if the power is out.

**Buy tarps and rope:** Already have these items on hand so that you can start repairs as quickly as possible to prevent more damage.

**Fill bathtub with water:** If you're going to get hit pretty badly, give your family an extra supply of water by filling a sanitized bathtub.

### Food and Water

Know which foods to keep on hand during a storm.

#### **Food and water should last for 72**

**hours:** Make sure you have enough supplies to last everyone in the house for at least 72 hours.

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**Replace stored goods every six months:**

If you're keeping a kit stocked around the year, replace food items every six months to ensure freshness and safety.

**Be aware of boil water alerts:** After a storm, you may have to boil water for a few days at least due to flooded wells, spilled sewage and other contamination.

**Prepare your refrigerator ahead of time:** Stock your freezer with dry ice to keep food frozen longer if the power goes out.

**Get out your ice chest:** Fill an ice chest with dry ice before and after the storm to keep food cold.

**Canned foods:** Canned meat, fish, fruits, soups, milk and vegetables are all smart, easy-to-prepare options.

**Buy perishable foods right before the storm:** When everyone else is out buying canned items, you can buy cookies, raisins, dry cereal, peppero-ni and cheese that doesn't need to be refrigerated. These will give you more variety but will still last a few days if you don't have power.

**Use camping gear:** If you have basic camping gear like a small grill, you can make simple meals while the power's out.

**Power Outages**

Learn what to do when the power goes out.

**Consider a generator:** These will make your life much easier during a storm, but understand the carbon monoxide risks and that your neighbors might get angry if you won't share.

**Connect via Twitter and Facebook on your phone:** Most local news stations will send updates via FB and Twitter, which you can access on your phone if the power goes out.

**Know which foods are safe to eat:** This guide explains which foods you can thaw and refreeze, how long they'll last in your refrigerator without power, and which to throw out.

**Use grills and pressure washers outside:** Gas grills and generators carry a carbon monoxide risk.

**Have a realistic understanding of restoration times:** Here you can read estimates of expected restoration times according to the strength of a hurricane.

**Drink lots of water:** When it's hot and you don't have A/C, drink water to stay cool and hydrated.

**Special Needs and Children**

The elderly, sick, disabled, pregnant women and children all have special needs during hurricanes.

**Pre-register for special needs shelters:**

If you think you will have to evacuate and are bringing a special needs or disabled person with you, pre-register to ensure space and adequate care.

**Maintain normal routines:** Keeping up with a normal routine helps soothe everyone from babies to adults.

**Call the doctor:** Pregnant women and special needs patients should communicate with their doctors to let them know your plan for riding out the storm or evacuating.

**FEMA for Kids:** As long as you have power, direct kids to this colorful site that includes games, cartoons, quizzes and information about hurricanes, presented in a friendly manner.

**Contact home health care service:** If you use a home health care service, call them and ask them to check on you during and after the storm.

**Answer children's questions:** Welcome questions from children about what to do, what a hurricane is, and how to prepare for it.

**Stay hydrated:** People who are sick and the elderly are especially at risk for dehydration.

**Know the risks:** Disabled individuals will find it harder to evacuate, so know all the obstacles and risks involved in transporting them or keeping them safe in your home.

**Evacuating**

Find out what to do if an evacuation is in order.

**Find a place for pets ahead of time:** If you're unable to take your pets with you, make arrangements ahead of time, and never leave your pet chained up or alone on your property. It's cruel.

**Get a real map:** You may not be able to rely on your GPS, especially if roads are blocked or flooded. Get a real map to help you find your way out.

**Plan meeting places:** Pick two or three meeting places — one inside your home, one inside your neighborhood, and one outside your neighborhood for whenever the storm hits or where you plan to evacuate.

**Sleeping bag:** Get a sleeping bag, blankets and pillows ready if you have to evacuate.

**Keep your gas tank at least half full:** Fill it up all the way unless authorities are rationing it, but even when

you're on the road, try not to let your tank get lower than half full.

**Plan to stay with friends:** Hotels will book up quickly, so plan to stay with friends or family who live inland at least for the first couple of nights.

**Find out if you live in an evacuation zone:** You may not even have to worry about evacuating.

**Leave when you're told:** Avoid the worst traffic, road closures and getting stuck behind by leaving right when you're told to go.

**Carefully inspect your home upon re-turn:** Before letting children back, watch for snakes, rats, hanging electrical wires and loose debris.

**Paperwork**

Keep important documents safe during a storm.

**Emergency contact information:** Put doctors' phone numbers and other emergency contact information in your preparedness kit.

**Prioritize what's important:** You can't take everything with you, but deeds, wills, Social Security cards, birth certificates and important financial statements should be collected.

**Use a USB drive:** Download important data onto a flash drive and put it in a waterproof, sealable bag or container.

**Check home insurance:** Do this before hurricane season starts, otherwise updated coverage may not take effect until the following year. Also look into flood insurance.

**Write down serial numbers:** In case important belongings are stolen or lost in the storm, you'll need serial numbers to get them back.

**Use a fireproof safe:** A fireproof safe will keep your belongings protected.

**Safety**

Keep reading for more on keeping your home and family safe.

**Head to a windowless room:** Even if your windows are boarded up, stay in a windowless room while the winds are blowing.

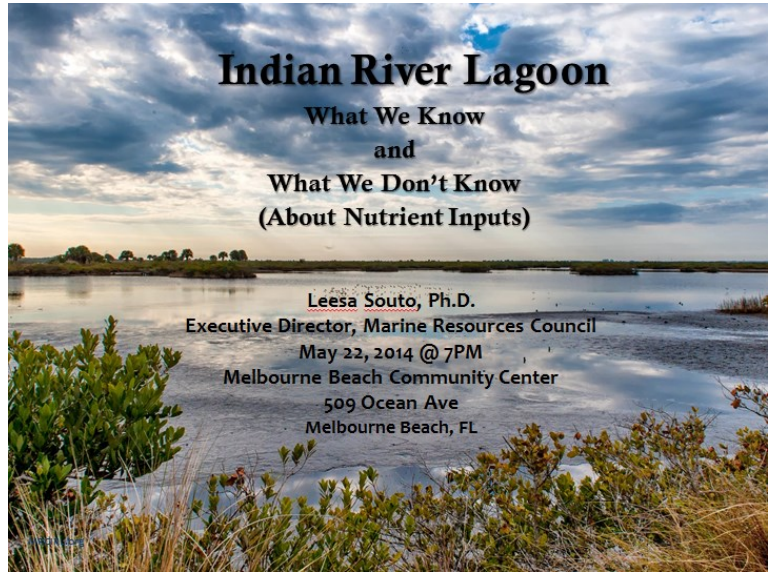
**Stay downwind:** This area is the opposite side of the house that the wind is hitting.

**Stay inside:** Stay indoors for the entire duration of the storm, and do not go outside during the calm of the storm, when the eye passes over.

**Be careful with candles:** Only light them if you have to, and set a reminder to blow them out before leaving the room or going to bed.



On Monday, April 28, 2014, former Town Manager Bill Hoskovec tendered his resignation citing health concerns. Mr. Hoskovec served as Town Manager from 2010 until April 2014. The Town of Melbourne Beach thanks Mr. Hoskovec for his service and wishes him all the best! Effective Tuesday, April 29, 2014, Public Works Director Dan Rocque was appointed to serve as Acting Town Manager until an Interim Town Manager can be hired.



# Commission's

# Orner



**Pictured from left to right. Commissioners Margot Dorfman, Vice Mayor Jean Marshall, Mayor Jim Simmons, Commissioner Sandy Wilson and Commissioner Gail Gowdy**

On May 5, 2014, the Town's new Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer began. Stop by Town Hall and wish him a warm welcome.

Jim McGuinness comes to Melbourne Beach with many certifications and licenses. Mr. Guinness is a licenses Building Official, Plans Examiner, and Inspector. In addition, Mr. McGuinness also holds certifications including Flood Plain Manager, Master Code Professional (18 ICC Certifications) and LEED Accredited Professional.



**Charmagne Manning, CMC**

Join the Commission the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm for the Commission Meeting. If you have an issue you would like to bring to the Commission's attention they can be reached via email. You can also call the Town Clerk, Charmagne Manning and leave a message. To contact the Town Clerk call (321) 724-5860.

Mayor Simmons is also available for meetings each week at Town Hall. Call the Town Clerk (pictured to the left) for an appointment.



## A look ahead.....Citizen Interest

Date	Time	Event	Location	More Information
May 12	8:30 AM	Special Town Commission Meeting	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
May 13	4:30 PM	Parks Board	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
May 15	6:30 PM	Board of Adjustment	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
May 21	6:30 PM	Regular Town Commission Meeting	Community Center	(321) 676-1701
May 22	7:00 PM	Indian River Lagoon Presentation	Community Center	(321) 956-5642
May 28	7:00 PM	Environmental Advisory Board	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
May 29	6:30 PM	Joint Town Commission and Planning & Zoning Workshop	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
May 31	9:00 AM	Pineapple Man	Downtown	
June 2	5:30 PM	Police Pension Board Meeting	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
June 3	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Board	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
June 5	4:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition	Town Hall Conference Room	(321) 724-5860
June 5	5:30 PM	History Board	Old Town Hall	(321) 724-5860
June 5	6:30 PM	Code Enforcement Board	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
June 10	4:30 PM	Historic Preservation Advisory Board	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
June 11	7:00 PM	Parks Board	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
June 18	6:30 PM	Regular Town Commission Meeting	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
June 19	6:30 PM	Board of Adjustment	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
June 25	7:00 PM	Environment Advisory Board	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860

### Early Voting and Polling Place

2014 Early Voting and Polling location to change for Melbourne Beach. The Early Voting Center Beachside has traditionally been held at the Melbourne Beach Library. Effective this year, the early voting location will be changed to the Melbourne Beach Community Center for both the Primary and General Elections. In addition to the changes for Early Voting, the polling location will also be moved from the Masny Room located at 507 Ocean Avenue to the Community Center located at 509 Ocean Avenue, both locations are on the Municipal Complex. Watch your mailbox for communication regarding the changes from the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections. A postcard will be sent to each registered voter.



# Health Minute

## PARA TRANSIT SERVICE

### MELBOURNE BEACH RESIDENTS

Space Coast Area Transit operates Paratransit services to serve the mobility needs of those who are unable to utilize fixed routes by providing wheelchair accessible Paratransit vehicles, which carry passengers throughout Brevard County on a daily basis. Paratransit is generally a curb-to-curb service accessed through a trip-by-trip reservation. Space Coast Area Transit provides such services in order to meet the needs of the transportation-disadvantaged citizens of Brevard County. Transportation disadvantaged individuals are defined as: "Those persons who because of physical or mental disability, income, status, or age, or who for other reasons are unable to transport themselves or to purchase transportation and are, therefore, dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities, or other sustaining activities, or children who are disabled or high risk," as defined in chapter 411.202, F.S.

The fare for a rider is \$2.50 and \$1.25 for the elderly and disabled. For questions, or to find out whether or not you are eligible for Space Coast Area Transit's Paratransit service, call (321) 633-1878 and ask a Space Coast Area Transit Paratransit Representative.

<http://www.ridescat.com/special-services/paratransit-services>

# Is Trimming my Palms Harmful?



Cutting green fronds from palm trees is analogous to cutting leaves off an Oak tree or cutting pine needles from a Pine tree! Please allow the fronds to die and fall naturally or at least snap them off when they are brown. Cutting healthy green fronds steals the palms' source of nutrients, permanently stunts growth, invites disease, and reduces the palms' natural resistance to high winds. Harsh pruning takes away valuable shelter, nesting, and food sources for native and migratory birds. Chain saws are a palm trees worse enemy!

Mr. Frank Thomas, Alternate Member

Environmental Advisory Board

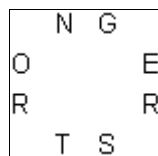
## Turtle Splash Rescheduled

The 10th Annual Turtle Splash has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 11 am-1 pm at Morgan's Place (4241 N. US 1.)



## Brain Teasers

1. If two typists can type two pages in two minutes, how many typists will it take to type 18 pages in six minutes?
2. What is the number that is one half of one quarter of one tenth of 400?
3. What is the word coiled inside this circle?



Questions from Mensa International

Answers: 1) One typist types one page in two minutes. 2) 1/10 of 400 is 40, 1/4 of 40 is 10, 1/2 of 10 is 5. 3) STRONGER. 4) PARACHUTE

4. What is the following word when it is unscram-

Many Projects you may do around your property might require a Building Permit. A permit is required to ensure the safety of structures and to be sure that your project is in compliance with the Florida Building Code.

Some projects that require building permits include: window and door replacement, water heater installation or replacement, signage for businesses, fences, sheds or accessory structures, plumbing or electrical projects, air conditioner replacements, roof replacements and many more. The fees for these permits vary, some are a set fee and some are based on the project valuation. The permit application can be picked up at Town Hall or on the website at [www.melbournebeachfl.org](http://www.melbournebeachfl.org).

Did you know that if you begin work without a permit you could be fined or even have to take your hard work down? If work is commenced without a permit, a stop work order will be issued and a permit will have to be received. The penalty for beginning work without a permit is 100% of the original permit cost plus the original cost of any permits that were required.

The Town Building Department will be happy to assist with any questions you may have. Their hours are Monday—Thursday from 9 am—5 pm. 507 Ocean Avenue, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951. (321) 724-5860.

## NOW HIRING

### Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida Interim Town Manager

The Town of Melbourne Beach is seeking an Interim Town Manager. Melbourne Beach is a residential community on the Atlantic Ocean and Florida's "Space Coast", with an estimated population of 3,100 and an annual operating budget of approximately \$2.1 million with 23 employees. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in Public or Business Administration and a minimum of five (5) years professional experience, including a minimum of three (3) years as a Town Manager or Assistant Town Manager. Salary depends on qualifications.

Employment application and resumes with salary history and work related references should be submitted to

Charmagne Manning, CMC Town Clerk  
507 Ocean Avenue  
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

The employment application can be found at  
[http://www.melbournebeachfl.org/Pages/MelbourneBeachFL\\_Employment/index](http://www.melbournebeachfl.org/Pages/MelbourneBeachFL_Employment/index)

Additional information about Melbourne Beach is available at  
[www.melbournebeachfl.org](http://www.melbournebeachfl.org).

The Town is an equal opportunity employer, drug free workplace and provides veterans' preference.

## You're a Lifesaver!



Officer Kino



On Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at approximately 6:24 pm our officers responded to the area of the Breakers in Melbourne Beach reference to two adult individuals that were approximately 100 yards out in the ocean from shoreline in distress. Once on the scene officers could hear the individuals call for help. Without hesitation Officer Steven Kino took all of his gear off and swam out to the victims. As Officer Kino tried to get the victims back to shore the current kept dragging them back out to sea. Brevard County Fire & Rescue finally arrived and was able to get a life ring out to Officer Kino and the two victims. Officer Kino was in the water for approximately 30 minutes before they were able to get the victims out of the water. If it had not been for the quick action of Officer Kino and his response we may have had two drowning victims.

# HOT TOPICS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

## Fertilizer Ordinance

In 2010, the Town of Melbourne Beach became the first municipality in Brevard County to adopt an ordinance regulating the application of fertilizers. The Town had adopted the State of Florida's model for the control of nutrients that impact our waterways. At that time of the adoption of the ordinance was considered watershed legislation.

With the advent of recent developments regarding the overall health of the Indian River Lagoon, the Town's Environmental Advisory Board in conjunction with the Town Commission is reviewing the potential changes to the language in an effort to strengthen our Fertilizer Ordinance. During the April 2014 Town Commission Meeting, the Commission held a public hearing to develop the new language to be included. On May 21, 2014, the Fertilizer Ordinance is scheduled for the second and final reading.

## Special Events Ordinance

Each year, the Town receives numerous requests to hold special events, (races, the Iceman's Ball, and etc.). The Commission is reviewing our standards in an effort to determine just what is considered to be an appropriate number of events that should occur in our community. The Town does require that these events cover the cost of Town resources utilized by the event; these include: the Police and Fire Departments as well as our Public Works personnel. This issue will be discussed in coming Commission meetings.

## Founders Day

On May 3-4, the Town celebrated the 31st Annual Founder's Day celebration. Despite severe weather the event was a success. The Commission allowed the event to be held an additional day, turning this usual one day gathering into a great weekend affair. A BIG THANKS to the Parks Board, Town Commission, residents, vendors and staff.

Pictures of the annual Bocce Tournament are below. The players showed dedication playing through the rain and developed a new game called "Water Bocce".

