

AROUND THE SQUARE

Following the latest news and views from Serenoa

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So... what's brewing this Autumn around Serenoa?



"PROST"

RAISE A FROSTY MUG AT SERENOA'S UPCOMING OCTOBERFEST PARTY!

Bring your favorite brew, or beverage of choice, and we'll supply the brats! On Sunday, October 27th, from 12 pm - 2 pm., the community clubhouse will be transformed into a German Biergarten, as Serenoa celebrates one of the traditional rights of Autumn. Check the website for details. It'll be WUNDERBAR!

If you choose to get an early start on your Oktoberfest celebrations, check out the

Indian River Fairground for this year's version of the Biergarten Blowout.

Traditional German food, brews, and oompah bands await under the huge party tent. Stroll the grounds for crafts, local business vendors, a kids' zone, and A Classic Car & Truck Show. **October 19-20. Saturday 10 am-10pm. Sunday 11 am-6 pm. \$5 Admission. Kids FREE!**

VETERANS DAY IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER ELEVENTH!



To all our Serenoa Vets... Thank you for your service!



GARAGE SALETIME! The old, the obsolete, the outlandish, and the out-of-circulation often has real value for local bargain hunters.

Twice per year, Serenoa residents have a golden opportunity to purge their closets, empty their storage bins, and trade their unwanted stuff for some unexpected coin. On **October 11th and 12th** the community will welcome garage-sale goers from all over Vero to search and sample everything from collectible china to cheap chachkes. All home owners are invited to participate, and, based



on past sales, those who worked the driveway displays enjoyed the friendly banter as much as the hard-earned cash that came their way. This traditional weekend has quickly evolved into a welcomed social event that goes far beyond the financial rewards. The Social Committee will promote the sale to Vero residents at large, and manage the details. Gates open at 8:00 am. Not going to be around that weekend? No problem. We'll do it all again next Spring!

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The streets of Serenoa come alive on Halloween night, as the neighborhood entices young witches, ghosts, and superheros with open arms, broad smiles, and bowls of sugary treats. It's a great opportunity for older residents to set up in their driveways, meet and mingle with young families... and relive the friendly fun of this treasured holiday.

From pre-school vampires to seasoned veterans, Serenoa honors the spirit & traditions of the Fall season.



VETS DAY ORIGINS

World War I, known at the time as "The Great War" officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, at the Palace of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."



Did you know... there are customs when flying Old Glory? American flag etiquette is taken seriously, because this emblem deserves honor and respect. Here are some guidelines for displaying the flag at your home.

When **displaying your flag** in the morning it should be hoisted briskly. In the evening, it should be lowered ceremoniously. And, when the flag is lowered, make sure that no part of it touches the ground, and then folded neatly for storage.

When flying your **flags on multiple staffs**, the flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group. However, when flown with other national flags, all flags should be flown at the same height. International

Remember to follow the protocols when displaying Old Glory at home.

usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace. Homeowners also like to fly their state flag in conjunction with the American flag. When **sharing a flagstaff**, the American flag should always fly above any other.

If you chose to hang your **flag in a window**, place the blue union (stars) in the upper left corner as viewed from the street. When viewed from inside, the union will be in the upper-right hand corner.

There are occasions when your flag should be flown at half-staff. When **displaying at half-staff**, it must be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to half position. These times are usually ordered by the President. Occasions, such as Veterans Day, carry specific guidelines. The flag is flown at half until noon, then hoisted to the peak for the remainder of the day. If you **suspend your flag over a sidewalk** from a rope extending from the house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union (stars) first.

When you display your **flag diagonally or horizontally** from a pole hung on your porch or balcony, the union should be placed at the peak. Unless it is flying at half-staff. Also, never fly your

flag upside down. This is generally regarded as a distress signal.

Should you choose to display a **flag in your home against a wall** follow these rules. First, it needs to lie flat against the wall. Next, whether hung vertically or horizontally, the union must be in the uppermost and to the flag's own right corner. Which means, it is to the observer's left.

It is customary to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, you may **fly the colors 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated during the evening.**

Unless you have a special flag designed for inclement weather, **only fly your flag during times of fair weather.** Lower your flag during rain, and snow storms.

Your **flag should be carefully cleaned and mended** when necessary. If your flag has become so worn that it is no longer fit for display, do not simply throw it in the trash. It must be destroyed, by burning, in a dignified manner.

Never use your flag as a decoration of any sort, such as on cushions or handkerchiefs. Your flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform. Avoid using your flag for receiving or holding anything.

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BURN BABY BURN! COOKING WITH GLASS!

Beachside Bonfire Fest is Back!

This fun & fiery party returns with all the spectacle! Bonfires on the beach, and parties on the beach, will be held independently at hot spots along Ocean Drive —Waldo's, Costa d'Este Beach Resort, Mulligans, Boiler Room, and Vero Beach Hotel & Spa.

Mark your calendars for **November 9th, 5-9 pm**. Join the fun for this unforgettable night, hosted at Kimpton Vero Beach Hotel, Boiler Room, Mulligan's, Costa d'Este, and Waldo's! Live music, delicious food and drinks, and Bonfires by the Beach 5 Raffles— with prizes valued over \$500 each! Rain or shine, there will be lots of memories made. Don't miss on the most unique event in Vero!

Keep an eye out for more details.

Roadside Reverie: Glass Works by John Miller, is on view from October 5, 2024, through January 5, 2025. For more information about the Opening Day Celebration and other exhibition-inspired programs, visit vbmuseum.org.

The Duncan McClellan Gallery Mobile Hot Shop returns to VBMA—this time with artist John Miller. Guests of all ages will be in awe as molten materials transform into glass masterworks at live glassblowing demonstrations outside the Museum Art School. There will be opportunities to meet John Miller and other glass artists, explore their techniques, and watch as their creative energy fuels their designs. After, tour the new exhibition *Roadside Reverie: Glass Works by John Miller*, and delight in more than 40 larger-than-life glass sculptures reflecting Miller's personal connection to the Pop Art movement of the 1960s. Those interested in an in-depth discussion about the works and the artists can join Museum docents at 2 pm. for a guided tour.



FOLLOW THE FUN THIS FALL

Vero has something for everyone!



Clammin' & Jammin' in Sebastian!

Complete with delicious food, live entertainment, kids zone, craft vendors, and more, *The Sebastian Clambake* has earned a stellar reputation for serving up delectable crowd-pleasers, including steamed clams, linguine— with choice of white or red clam sauce, crisp clam strips, and other family favorites. Every moment exudes community, music, and, of course, mouthwatering seafood. Come jam with some of the region's best bands and savor the flavors of togetherness at the 21st Annual Sebastian Clambake.

November 8-10, 2024, Friday 3 pm - 9 pm & Saturday 11 am - 9 pm & Sunday 11am- 5pm. Riverview Park, Sebastian, FL

WORKING UP AN APPETITE

Get ready to trot! Join us at Riverside Park on **Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, 2024**, for the 17th Annual 5K Turkey Trot. The race starts at 7:30 am. All runners, joggers, and walkers are welcome! Sign up early at trotagainstopoverty.org and be one of the first 1,700 registrants to get a FREE Trot Race Shirt and save on your race fee. Don't delay, register today!



HAPPY TRAILS!

Mark your calendars for the **6th Annual Wine, Ale & Spirits Trail Festival on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, at Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery**. Enjoy an afternoon of locally crafted beer, wine, mead, cider, and spirits, all made right here on the Treasure Coast. Sample beverages from your favorite local breweries and wineries, including Side Door Brewing Co., Sailfish Brewing Co., Walking Tree Brewery, and more. Your ticket includes a tasting glass and unlimited tastings throughout the event. Explore local craft vendors, stay filled up at the food trucks, and enjoy some great live music.

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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT ARRIVES EARLY IN VERO BEACH. MAKE YOUR PLANS TODAY!

Come out to Ocean Drive this year for the **Annual Vero Beach Christmas Parade** hosted by Sunrise Rotary of Vero Beach. Floats, Christmas music, performers, and holiday cheer will be on hand. Tune in live on Facebook for live commentary with parade host commentators Stacy Cook (Vero Vine, Vero Beach Marketing and Vero Beach Foodie), and Tamara Darress (The Parisian Hostess and Glitter Glam Studios), as they share the parade festivities in all its fun and fascination. The holiday show kicks off on Flamevine, and proceeds north on Ocean Drive to Live Oak in Vero Beach.
December 7, 2024, 6:00 pm



Unique Gifts. Hundreds of Vendors. Perfect Setting.

Start your Holiday shopping early at this spectacular, 250-booth **Arts & Crafts Expo**—a high energy retail sales show presented days before Black Friday, and offering amazing deals on unique gift items! FREE public admission, live Music, Food,

Adult Beverages and Kids Zone! Mark your calendars now!

Indian River County Fairgrounds
Saturday, November 23rd 2024 10:00 am-5:00 pm & Sunday, November 24th 2024 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Make your plans now for a **Pre-Thanksgiving BINGO NIGHT** get-together. Mark your calendars for Monday evening, **November 18th at the Clubhouse...** for another highly competitive "clash for cash" bingo! Festivities begin at 6:30 pm, and wrap up around 8:00 pm. It's only \$1.00 per card, per game, to join the fun for serious money prizes... and some neighborly bragging rights. Don't forget to bring along snack, beverages—and plenty of singles!



BOARD BIZ

• **PONDS WORK**—The GHO work is now completed on the north pond. The erosion plants have filled in nicely.

• **PRESERVE WORK**—Earth Balance, the Serenoa's Maintenance Contractor has reported that the brown palmetto palms have NOT died, and new growth will be starting at the base. In the future, residents will be notified of the spray schedule dates.

• **LANDSCAPE MEETING**—The Board would like to schedule a meeting between the landscaping company and homeowners (date to be determined). If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may forward any questions or concerns to president@serenoa.org

• **WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAYS**—Refer to Waste Management's website when a holiday coincides with pickup. Please go to WM.FloridaHoliday.com.

• **COMMITTEES**
Social Committee—The Blood Drive sponsored by OneBlood will continue to be hosted at Serenoa on a quarterly basis—beginning in December (details will follow).

Community Garage Sale—(October 11 and 12) is open to all residents who want to host on their property. The Social Committee will advertise and manage the details.

• **UPCOMING CLUBHOUSE SOCIAL EVENTS**—**Octoberfest** (October 27—noon to 2:00 pm)
Bingo Night (Nov. 18—6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.)

Clubhouse Committee—In an effort to increase the quality of acoustics within the clubhouse, Karen Becker filled the hollow backing of three (3) pictures hanging in the clubhouse with foam (every little bit helps!).

• **CLUBHOUSE AND SWIMMING POOL**—Meeks Plumbing has repaired the ladies room toilet clog—broken handle, and inner mechanism, at a correct cost of approximately \$400.00. Months ago, the Board approved the purchase of an AED. The AED is now hanging in the Clubhouse (next to the rear access door).

Clubhouse and Swimming Pool—At the 9/12/24 Board meeting, a new version of the Clubhouse and Swimming Pool Rules were approved. The rules have been sent to homeowners via email, and will be placed on the portal.

Swimming Pool Heater—The heater has been turned on for the cooler months.

Pool Furniture and Deck Area—Ken Fensin has treated and removed the weeds in the pool area (thank you Ken!). At the 9/12/24 Board meeting, a contract with Complete Cleaning was approved. They will perform a deep cleaning of the covered area of the pool deck, and clean all of the pool furniture on a quarterly basis (fans, walls, chairs and tables, etc) at a cost of \$300.00 per quarter.

Pest Control Company—At the 9/12/24 Board meeting, a contract with Massey Pest Control was approved. They will spray for ants / wasps, bait for termites, and trap for pests and are scheduled to visit the clubhouse once a month. Massey was chosen, out of the three quotes, because they don't charge an extra fee when called to deal with a pest problem.

Bourbon Social Club—A successful first meeting of the newly formed Bourbon Social Club was held at the Clubhouse in early September. All Serenoa residents are invited to attend. There is no fee. Simply just bring a bottle of bourbon to share, along your favorite glass. The club has been scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Smilen at 954.305.0849.

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