



# Community Connection Newsletter

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**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
(activities will be added throughout the upcoming months—check with CHA office or visit our website: [www.hacfl.com](http://www.hacfl.com) for updates)

*Attendance will count as community service hours*

### SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Kid CARE Enrollment**  
Mon, Sept 28 at Pineda Senior Center 10—2PM

### OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

**Aging Matters**  
Wed, Oct 14, at Pineda Senior Center 10—11 AM

**Family Budgeting by UF Ext**  
Thur, Oct 15, at Pineda Senior Center 10—11:30 AM

**Cooking Class**  
Tues, Oct 27 - please register by calling CHA office: 321-636-8535

### NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Credit Management by UF Ext**  
Thur, Nov 19, at Pineda Senior Center 10—11:30 AM

### DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Surviving the Holidays—Budget by UF Ext**  
Thur, Dec 3, at Pineda Senior Center 10—11:30 AM



City of Cocoa will be hosting its Third Annual Cocoa Job Fair, in collaboration with CareerSource Brevard

This event is FREE and open to the public

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Gymnasium at Clearlake Education Center (formerly Clearlake Middle School) located at 1225 Clearlake Road in Cocoa.

**WHO:** Job Seekers and Brevard County businesses:

**Job seekers are strongly encouraged to bring resumes and dress in business casual attire**

Please visit: <http://www.cocoafl.org/jobfair> for a list of the participating employers.

The Peachtree Street road construction is progressing quite well. The drainage pipes are installed on the south side of the street and the construction crew is working on installing the water lines. The road will remain a one-way road throughout the end of the project. This maintenance of traffic is the safest for the construction crews and allows them to complete the project as quickly as possible. Expect intermittent road closures throughout September and October as crews work to connect water lines between the north and south side of Peachtree.



Please remember to observe the one-way traffic signs and detours during construction. It is for your safety and the safety of our construction crews that residents follow the detours in place. If you have any questions concerning the Peachtree Street Complete Streets Project, please contact Charlene Neuterman, Project Manager for the City of Cocoa at 321-433-8773.

### Aging Matters in Brevard Presents: *Independence As You Age*



Come hear about opportunities available for you. Aging Matters serves people ages 60 and up. Learn how to stay healthy, stay safe, and stay connected. There are many opportunities for you to learn to eat well, be socially active, and get help in your home. Don't miss out on this important presentation.

Statistics shows that embracing habits that improve your overall health such as exercising, consuming nutritious foods, and staying mentally and socially active may have a greater benefit in maintaining or improving your health. It's never too late to change or achieve a healthier lifestyle - and it is never too early to start!! **WHEN & WHERE: WED, OCT 14, 10—11AM, Pineda Senior Center**

Herb Hernandez	Executive Director	Ext. 103
Lynda Elmore	Dir. of Housing Operations	Ext. 114
Shauna Ginn	Director of Development	Ext. 115
Cynthia Ezzell	Admin/Receptionist	Ext. 100
Christina Falero	Program Technician	Ext. 101
Lisa Bundy	Program Technician	Ext. 102
Sheena Heitzman	Community Relations	Ext. 109
Mike Butler	Investigator	Ext. 108



**Maintenance repairs:** If you need to request maintenance services, please call the work order number at, 806-3971 or visit our website: <http://hacfl.com/residents/maintenance-cocoa-fl/> to download a work order form.

### ...Around Brevard



**Oktoberfest**, will be celebrated on Saturday, OCT 3, at Cocoa Village. Come join the fun and celebration. Doors open at 12 Noon—10PM. There will be food, family fun and concerts. Ticket cost: \$8 pre-sale; \$10 Advance; \$34 VIP; Kids under 10 years are **FREE!** Tickets available through Tickmaster.com. If you have any questions call, 321-508-5141.



**Fall Art & Craft Festival** - to be held on OCT 17 & 18, From 10 AM to 4PM in Cocoa Village. FREE admission, come and bring the family.

#### Halloween in Cocoa Village—

All trick-or-treaters and their families are welcome to join in the Halloween fun. Join a safe Halloween adventure from 4-9PM. Kids will be able to visit merchants for treats, stroll the park for family activities, entertainment and get Ghost Tours of the Village. A Halloween movie will be playing on the big screen beginning at 7:15pm. There is a \$5.00 activity band fee to participate in all of the kid's activities including the bounce house, kids area games, hay rides, pumpkin decorating and much more. Trick or treating and stage entertainment are FREE. For more information, please contact Leisure Services at (321) 639-3500 or visit our website at [www.cocoaf.org](http://www.cocoaf.org).



## From the Principal's Desk

Greetings Cocoa Housing Residents,

I would like to bring you greetings on behalf of Emma Jewel Charter Academy. Emma Jewel Charter Academy is a K-8 charter school that partners with parents in an effort to provide a high quality education to students in a small nurturing learning community. In an effort to holistically educate our children we infuse health and nutrition, character education, and civic responsibility into our core curriculum.

Our Philosophical Foundations for Success that will serve as the cornerstones for the success of our school are: Parent Commitment and Accountability, Academic Excellence, Community Service and Civic Responsibility, Positive Character Growth and Health and Nutrition.

Emma Jewel Charter Academy serves as a full service school that is available to the community outside the "traditional" school hours. Emma Jewel Charter Academy not only educates the children of the community, but it also serves as a resource center for adults by providing services such as medical referrals, social services referrals, community outreach and economic development. The goal of Emma Jewel Charter Academy is to serve the entire community. The motto of Emma Jewel Charter Academy is "Helping the Village Raise the Child".

I encourage the Residents of the Cocoa Housing Community to visit Emma Jewel Charter Academy to learn about how we can serve the families of the Community.

Thomas Cole, M.Ed., Principal  
Emma Jewel Charter Academy



**Family Budgeting Class**—presented by Gayle Whitworth from the University of Florida Extension. Budgeting is important, learn how to successfully manage your finances and enjoy some of the comforts of living during tough economic times, it is important to be aware of your financial situation. Organizing your finances is a crucial part of preventing and solving financial problems. Participants will learn:

- ◇ How to establish a budget
- ◇ Ways to reduce expenses
- ◇ How to write SMART goals
- ◇ The importance of saving

The session will take place on Thursday, **OCT 15**, from 10—11:30AM, at the Pineda Senior Center (1053 Fern Avenue)