



Community Connection Newsletter

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Attention Youth Ages 9—18 years old “Summer Camp Scholarship Opportunity”

The Women’s Business Center at Florida Tech in collaboration with the Junior Achievement of the Space Coast will hold an Entrepreneurial Summer Camp. The camp is held in two separate groups. **One Scholarship** is being set aside for a Housing Authority resident.

Group 1: Ages 9—13 attending school full time. Dates: June 15—19, from 9 am—1 pm. The cost is \$200 per student, includes lunch each day.

Group 2: Ages 14—18 attending school full time. Dates: June 22—26, from 9 am—4 pm. The cost is \$250 per student, includes lunch each day.

IMPORTANT: Transportation is **NOT** provided. Parents or guardians are responsible for providing their children transportation to and from the summer camp each day.

If you are between the ages of 9—18 years old, full time student, have transportation to and from camp and would like to have a chance for a scholarship, please submit a one page essay telling us **why you would like the opportunity to attend this exciting Entrepreneurial Summer Camp.** Please type or handwrite your essay neatly so that it is easy to read. **Deadline for submissions: MAY 1st, 2015.** For details call Sheena Heitzman at, 321-636-8535.

Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency

Established by the Cocoa City Council in 1998, the Diamond Square Redevelopment Agency has been given the mandate to improve, prevent or eliminate the development of blight in the Diamond Square.

Governed by a seven-member Agency Board, the Diamond Square CRA is located on the southern border of the City and encompasses the area bounded by Oleander Road on the west, School Street on the north, the railroad tracks on the east, and Rosa L. Jones on the south.

This seven (7) member board meets on the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Cocoa City Hall. The Board is comprised of Chairperson Ruby Jenkins, Vice Chairperson Tracy Moore, and Agency Members Adrian Moss-Beasley, Ed Jones, Delores Martin, Jewel Collins, and Larry Robinson

Diamond Square CRA Programs and Funding Initiatives:

Commercial Facade Improvement Program offers a matching grant of up to \$10,000.

Diamond Square Drainage Improvement Program- Bernard Street - \$100,000.00 in funding.

Property Development subdivision of six (6) single family homes lots on Bernard and Whaley.

Joe Lee Smith Community Center and Park-\$10,000 in park improvements.

Provost Park and Fern and Prospect Park Improvements – provided financial assistance to the renovation and construction of these neighborhood recreation areas.

A bit of History about the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)



For more information contact Susan McGrady, CRA Program Manager at (321) 433-8510.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Parent Education will begin on **Thursdays, MAR 19th, from 10—12PM.** Classes will run concurrent to APR 23rd. Must pre-register by calling Sheena at, 636-6835.

Cooking Classes on **MAR 24th, and APR 21, 10:30 AM—12 Noon.** Must pre-register, space is limited. Please call Sheena at, 636-6835.

Presentation by **CareerSource, Tuesday, MAR 31st.** Program and resource overview. Details to come!

Attendance at these events will count as community hours.



Looking for individuals who would like to join the Resident Advisory Board. If you are interested in providing ideas, advice, and feedback on issues that matter in

your community then you should continue to read this message. If you can reflect and represent the residents, and assist the Housing Authority of the City of Cocoa in implementing and developing a plan for the betterment of the community then this is the group for you. Please call Sheena Heitzman at, 321-636-8535.

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Maintenance repairs: In the event you need to request maintenance services, please call the work order number at, 806-3971.



Friendly reminder—**rent is due by the 10th**, of the month. Avoid being charged a \$30.00 late fee by paying your rent on time.



Neighborhood meeting is scheduled for Monday, **March 9th, from 6-7:00PM**. The meeting is hosted by the Housing Authority and it will be held at, **Harry T. Moore Center** (307 Blake Ave., Cocoa) All are invited to attend. Come hear all the exciting plans we have coming up.

The **Cocoa Police department, in collaboration with the Housing Authority**, will hold a Crime Watch meeting. Come meet your neighbors, get some updates about your neighborhood, and fellowship. There will be popcorn and snow cones being served out of the Mobile Unit also known as the Lemonade stand. Meeting dates:

Thursday, March 26 6-7pm D/E/F/G and Rosa L. Jones

Thursday, April TBA 6-7pm A/B/C Streets



Upcoming Events...throughout the community

Brevard County Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with Brevard County Libraries, will host "A Seussical Celebration," featuring stories, performances, games and activities based on the creations of Dr. Seuss.

The event will be held from 4 - 6:30 PM, Saturday, MAR 7, at McLarty Park, 790 Barton Blvd., Rockledge. The Cat in the Hat will be available for photo opportunities. Following the activities, the movie, "Horton Hears a Who!" will be shown on the Outdoor Movie Screen at 6:30 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs. This is a free event.

Happy Smiles Happy Kids!

2015 Children's Dental Health Fair



Eastern Florida State College is teaming up with Brevard County's dental professionals to provide FREE-limited dental care for your child.

WHERE: EFSC Dental Clinic, Cocoa Campus. HCVAS Health Sciences Center (bldg. 20, Rm 111)

WHEN: Friday, FEB 27, 2015

TIME: 2 - 6PM, first come, first served

No appointments necessary. Kids must be under 18 without dental insurance. Parents and/or Guardians must be present.

Movie and Food Trucks in the Park: March 20th, from 5—10PM, at the Riverfront Park. Featured movie: Endless Love will be played in the big screen at 7PM. Movie is rated PG 13, for details call, 321-639-3500.



Saturday, March 28 from 4—7PM: Bring your favorite recipe for a chance to win top prize at the Cocoa Village Chili Cook-off event from 4-7pm at Riverfront Park. Vendors will be set-up along Riverfront Park to display their favorite recipe and offer samples. It will be a day of fun with entertainment and great food.



2015 Juneteenth celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th. **Stay tuned!** Details to come.