



“The Space Coast is a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family, and it is getting even better!!!”
... Curt Smith,
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District 4 Dispatch

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Completed: Diverging Diamond & Viera Boulevard

The Viera Boulevard Diverging Diamond ramps opened to I-95 on June 28, shaving up to 20 minutes off local resident’s commute and enticing development along the interchange. Further east, the Viera Company-funded widening of Viera Blvd to US1 and the addition of a traffic signal at the intersection of Holiday Springs Rd has finished. The Viera Company had until June 2020 to complete the widening of Viera Blvd to US 1.

To minimize further construction inconvenience for travelers, I worked very closely with The Viera Company over the last three years to ensure that the widening of Viera Blvd would be completed a year ahead of schedule and in conjunction with the opening of the DDI. The Viera Company agreed with me that if both projects were completed simultaneously, it would be a great benefit to everyone. I would like to thank Viera Company President Todd Pokrywa and his staff for their efforts in accomplishing these projects and doing so ahead of schedule.

With the completion of the DDI, my staff is receiving frequent inquiries as to whether FDOT has approved the overpass for golfcart use. Brevard County has been notified by FDOT that there is no change. Golfcarts continue to be prohibited on FDOT property and are not allowed to cross I-95.

Florida Wildlife Hospital & Sanctuary

My staff and I were honored to visit the Florida Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary located in Palm Shores. Brevard County is blessed to have a facility of experts to nurture and tend to the various wildlife that needs help. If you find injured wildlife or abandoned baby animals, please contact them at (321) 254-8843 and/or visit their website for helpful tips: FloridaWildlifeHospital.org



STARBASE program for the 45th Space Wing

I was honored to be recognized by Brigadier General Douglas Schiess, Commander of the 45th Space Wing, for my efforts to bring the STARBASE program to Patrick Air Force Base. This program aims to inspire students to embrace science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) while developing them into future innovative leaders. This opportunity will positively impact our local youth as well as strengthen the relationship between the 45th Space Wing and the Space Coast community.

Back to School August 12

The 2019-2020 school year begins August 12. Please slow down in school zones. We wish all students and teachers another safe and successful year.



Join me to fight Breast Cancer with the American Cancer Society. Real Men Wear Pink is a nationwide fundraiser to raise awareness for the American Cancer Society's breast cancer initiatives, including research, patient services, and education for screenings and risk reduction. More info on my Facebook group: **Curt Smith, Brevard County Commission District 4 Group** or www.cancer.org/involved/fundraise/real-men-wear-pink.html

The Space Race returns to the Space Coast

It's an exciting time for Brevard County with space technology. At this point, only three countries have space agencies that develop rockets and spacecraft capable of sending Astronauts to space: USA, Russia, and China. In the very near future our Space Coast will have the honor to have three companies launching humans for space exploration: SpaceX, Blue Origin, and Boeing. Who will be first?

Blue Origin is developing the New Glenn rocket, which is the first Brevard County-built rocket to be launched from Cape Canaveral. Only outsized by the Saturn V, the New Glenn is a single configuration, heavy-lift launch vehicle capable of carrying people and payloads routinely to Earth's orbit and beyond. Featuring a reusable, first stage built for 25 missions, New Glenn will build a road to space.

SpaceX has been successful with their Falcon rockets. Falcon 9, along with the Dragon spacecraft, was designed from the outset to deliver humans into space. Under an agreement with NASA, SpaceX is actively working towards this goal. The first demonstration flight under NASA's Commercial Crew Program launched on March 2, 2019 and docked with the International Space Station on March 3, becoming the first American spacecraft in history to autonomously dock with the International Space Station. Dragon is the only spacecraft currently flying that's capable of returning significant amounts of cargo to Earth.

Boeing's Crew Space Transportation (CST)-100 Starliner spacecraft is being developed in collaboration with NASA's Commercial Crew Program. The Starliner was designed to accommodate seven passengers, or a mix of crew and cargo, for missions to low-Earth orbit. The Starliner is reusable up to 10 times. On June 25, it passed another major test, demonstrating that its parachute landing system can provide a safe landing for the capsule and its crew.

Question of the Month: What is a Charter Cap?

The Charter Cap is a limitation on growth in ad valorem tax revenues. Unless otherwise allowed by county ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners shall not impose any ad valorem tax for county purposes at a millage rate which causes the budgeted revenue there from to the county to increase over the budgeted ad valorem revenue for the previous fiscal year by more than the lesser of 3% or the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from the preceding calendar year.

Reclaimed Water Information and Updates

Mims and surrounding areas	321-637-5477 Press 1
Merritt Island and surrounding areas	321-637-5477 Press 2
Suntree/Viera Area	321-637-5477 Press 3
Melbourne Beach and surrounding areas	321-637-5477 Press 4

www.brevardfl.gov/UtilityServices/ReclaimedWater

**Reclaimed water usage is not subject to water restrictions, however following the St. John River Water Management District's water restrictions is desirable. Following those recommendations should help to prevent excessive irrigation and ensure a sufficient supply for all reclaimed water customers.



Satellite Beach...Palm Shores...Indian Harbour Beach...Viera...Suntree...Melbourne
Wickham Park...Baytree...Capron Ridge...Turtle Creek...Springs of Suntree