

Hammocks Happenings

The Hammocks: The Nicest Community on the Sun Coast
May 10, 2017

Below please find a number of 'Items of Interest' regarding River Wilderness and the Hammocks.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Hammock's May meeting will be Thursday, May 18th, at 5:00 PM in the RWGCC Private Function Room.
- RW Master HOA's May meeting will be Tuesday, May 16st, at 2:00 PM in the RWGCC Private Function Room.
- The Hammock's HOA is on an 'alternate month' schedule for its HOA meetings. For the remainder of 2017 meetings will be held in May, July, September and November. The Master HOA continues to hold monthly meetings except for July and December in 2017. These schedules are subject to change based on need.
- Parrish Civic Association (PCA) General Meeting will be Thursday, May 18th, at 7:00 PM at the Parrish YMCA on US Hwy 301 N.

Hammocks' Spring Fling!

The Hammocks' Social Committee put on a great Spring Fling at the Hammock's pool in April. Thanks to all who donated their time to make the event a wild success.

Construction

Both the Fort Hamer Bridge project and the Diverging Diamond Interchange at University Parkway and edging toward completion. Both projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of this summer. The Ft. Hamer Bridge should be open for business in August of this year and the DDI at I-75 and University Parkway should be open in September of 2017.

2017 World Rowing Championships

For the first time in over 20 years the World Rowing Championships will return to the United States and will be held at the newly developed Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota. The event will run from September 23rd through October 1st.
Website: <http://wrch2017.com/>

Manatee County Inserts

If you read the inserts that come with your utility bills you can skip this paragraph. But if you toss them into the 'recycle bin' unread you might be interested to know:

- Customer Web Access (CWA) is coming. You must register and confirm indicative information about the primary account holder if you plan on using the county site to access your account. This must be done by

phone. The Happenings called and we were on 'hold' for a very long time and as we get closer to the implementation date I suspect wait times will be extended. Call 941-792-8811 to register.

- The weather has been very dry and as a result watering restrictions remain in place. 'Even' numbered addresses can water on Thursday and Sunday; 'odd' home addresses can water on Wednesday and Saturday. On your assigned day, you should only water once a day.
- Memorial Day is Monday, May 29th. Residential garbage and recycling collections will be delayed one day for the entire week with Friday's collection occurring on Saturday, June 3rd.

That's Just 'Peachy'

If your travel plans take you through the metropolitan Atlanta area and you want to make the trip as quickly as possible you might want to take advantage of the newly opened toll express lanes. The I-75 South Metro Express Lanes are reversible toll lanes that run 12 miles along the median of I-75 from State Route 155 (McDonough Road) in Henry County to State Route 138 (Stockbridge Highway) in Clayton County. The lanes travel northbound toward Atlanta in the morning, and southbound in the evening to add capacity to the general-purpose lanes. On I-85 in Gwinnett County there are 16 miles of express lanes that are used by motorists and regional transportation buses and managed by a 'dynamic price' tolling system. Coming online in 2018 will be almost 40 additional miles of toll controlled expressways in the Atlanta metro area. Do you need a Peach Pass to use these express lanes? NO, not if you have a Florida Sun Pass. If you have a Florida, Georgia or South Carolina toll transponder it can be used on any of the three states' toll systems.

For additional details check out the Peach Pass website:

<http://www.peachpass.com/>

The Eat Beat

- From time to time the Happenings highlights an eatery in the area. Some are good; some not so much but our philosophy is to stay positive and just let you know that a spot is out there and you can try it out if you are so inclined and then decide for yourself. This month we are altering that philosophy and unabashedly giving 5 Stars to *Café Baci* on Tamiami Trail south of Bee Ridge. In our estimation, this is one of the best Italian restaurants in the area. Maybe a nickel or a dime more expensive than other Italian spots but it is well worth it. A varied menu with chicken, veal and fish specialties along with your favorite pasta dishes like eggplant parmigiana, penne alla vodka and true Bolognese baked lasagna to name but a few. Diet restrictions? The folks at Café Baci will work to accommodate just about any special request.

Café Baci website: <https://www.cafebacisarasota.com/>

One thing to remember is that you will not find pizza at Café Baci so if that is what you are looking for try RW Pizza To Go!

- River Wilderness GCC offers home delivery of their famous pizza to all RW residents. The RW pizza kitchen is open Thursday through Sunday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (schedule is subject to change). Small pizza is \$10, a large is \$13 and additional toppings are available for \$2 each. Stromboli, Calzone, Wilderness Wings and a Chef Salad are also available. There is a delivery charge of \$2 and the driver's gratuity is not included in the bill. Call 941/538-7006 to place an order.

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