

The Month of March Provides a Potpourri of Vero Beach Centennial Celebrations

The 100 year celebration for Vero Beach continues with a number of significant activities to enjoy.

Under the direction of Centennial Co-Chairs City Clerk Tammy Bursick and Councilman Tony Young, the community is invited to take advantage of any or all of the Centennial activities which represent the city's history, landmarks, ancestors, organizations, agriculture, education, transportation and the arts through the decades of technical, beautification and architectural advancements. This is an opportunity to share our history, our accomplishments and our people in a very memorable fashion.

Florida Power & Light is the Centennial Presenting Sponsor. Your sneak peek for the month of March is sponsored by the Youth Sailing Foundation and the Vero Beach Museum of Art and is listed below. WTTB New Radio 105.7 FM/1490 AM is the Official Centennial Flagship Radio Station.

Please visit the Centennial website www.VeroBeach100.org regularly for times, locations and details on all activities. Event times, dates, locations and descriptions are subject to change.

March 2019

Saturday, March 2, 2019 2pm

"Popular Music of Vero Beach Over the Last 100 Years"

This free, 90 minute concert, will showcase area artists including the IRCHS Jazz Ensemble, the "Dolls" part of the Vero Bagpipe and Drum Corps and others. This should be a fun and entertaining afternoon of music from 1920's to today and everything in between. All music will be of the popular variety enjoyed by young and old in our community, depending on when you were once "young"!! A donation will be collected at the door to cover costs but all musicians are performing at no charge to help honor the Vero Beach Centennial Celebration. Contact: Casey Lunceford cluncefo@irsc.edu

Sunday, March 3, 2019 4pm
Treasure Coast Chorale--First Baptist Church "Going Home"
Happy 100th: Celebrating Vero Beach Through Music, Art & Story

The Treasure Coast Chorale proudly announces a concert to commemorate its Home Town's 100th Anniversary. The popular 65-voice community chorus will sing at the First Baptist Church of Vero Beach, which celebrated its own 100th Birthday in 2016.



Dr. Michael Carter, Music Director of the Chorale, has planned a program that promises to remind us of the importance and love we have for our homes with a rendition of "God Bless America" written by Irving Berlin, "This is My Country" as performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, a medley that features the Shaker hymn "Simple Gifts" and "Going Home" from Dvorak's Symphony in E minor should evoke tender feelings along with some upbeat Gospel music for hand-clapping fun. Familiar tunes from the Beach Boys and some sound bites from long-time Floridians and from newer residents will be included. Friends of the Chorale who will also be performing include Vero's popular singing trio "The Dolls," drummer Richie Mola, pianist Judy Carter and a brass quartet. *A donation of \$10 per person is suggested.*

website www.treasurecoastchorale.org or by calling 772-231-3498.

Saturday, March 9 7pm
Party & Dance Through The Decades

Party and Dance to music by The Rivertown Band on Saturday, March 9, 7 p.m. at Oak Harbor Club. As a benefit for the Mental Health Association in IRC, enjoy Motown, Disco, Funk and Rock along with a Pre-Party including heavy appetizers and an open bar for \$150 VIP admission. The general admission of \$75 includes one complimentary drink and light bites as well as a cash bar all evening long. To purchase your tickets visit www.MHAIRC.com or call Amy Wagner 772-569-9788 Ext 122 Amy@mhairc.org

Thursday–Sunday

March 14–17, 2019

Centennial Pickleball

Tournament–This four–day event will be held at Pocahontas Park in historic downtown; hosted by Pickleball University and Directed by Lucy Kitcher. Players of all levels from beginners to advanced are welcome.

Registration is now available at pickleballtournaments.com and please register before the cap is

filled. For more information call Lucy Kitcher at 954–534–6393 or email zerozerostay@yahoo.com Mari Colacino – mari.colacino@gmail.com



Thursday, March 14, 2019

Vero Beach Chamber of Commerce – 100 Centennial Treasure Hunt Map Begins March 14

The Vero Beach Chamber is producing a map of the historic downtown and marking the 24 businesses that are participating in the Business Treasure Hunt. Contestants must pick up the map at the Chamber and visit all 24 businesses who will mark and confirm each visit. Contestants must make a purchase in at least 2 businesses and bring the map and the 2 receipts back to the Chamber office by 3pm on Tuesday, March 21st by 3pm. One winner will receive \$1000. The Vero Beach Chamber is located at 1959 14th Avenue.

Photo: Bob McCabe (VB Chamber of Commerce) speaking with Bill Brown (The Patio) and David Moshier (Vero Beach City Guide) about the historic

locations on the VBCC 100 Centennial Treasure Hunt. 24 businesses are invited to

Be a part of the treasure hunt see website for application form www.verobeach100.org

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Eric Menger, Tamara Darress, Tammy Bursick, Ana Valencia-Tillery, Catherine Caddell Photo by Lee Orre

Saturday, March 16, 2019 Noon to 4pm

Airport Heritage Day

The Vero Beach Airport is delighted to join in the celebration of the City of Vero Beach Centennial by presenting Airport Heritage Day filled with family friendly activities and displays designed to celebrate the Airport's fascinating 90-year history as an integral and valued partner in the success of the City of Vero Beach.

The Experimental Aircraft Association will be on hand with an exhibit and Flight Simulator. Also participating will be Piper Aircraft, Flight Safety Academy, Paris Air, Corporate Air, Sun Aviation, Treasure Coast Seaplanes and much more. The 2020 Vero Beach Air Show will roll out their plans for next year's thrilling return of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. The Vero Beach Pin-ups in costume will offer photo ops to attendees. C.J. Cannons Restaurant will offer breakfast, lunch and dinner on that day. Additionally, at 11am, they will open outdoor dining and feature a special Airport Heritage Day menu before the gates open. Eric Menger, 978-4930 ext 103, emenger@covb.org

Monday, March 18, 2019 5pm

Youth Sailing Foundation's "Rock the Boat" gala fundraiser

"Rock The Boat" is an annual gala fund raiser. Held at the Quail Valley River Club, the evening starts at 5 PM with cocktails on the patio with over 250 guests watching a sailing demonstration just off the marina docks. There are silent and live auctions with dinner and dancing to follow. The fundraiser raises about 50% of the annual budget that supports 150 children sailing every week during the school year. Ticket price is \$200 with \$100 of that tax deductible. Stu Keiller stu.keiller@ysfirc.org

Saturday, March 23, 2019 10am

Florida Heritage Landmark Sign Dedication at Royal Palm Pointe

Councilman and Centennial Co-chair Tony Young and family will unveil the marker. Tony's grandmother cut the ribbon for the first Vero Bridge (the narrow wooden bridge) on Labor Day 1920 as well as the ribbon cutting for the first Merrill Barber Bridge. Both were launched from the pilings and later filled extension of this first bridgehead. That causeway today - Royal Palm Pointe - and the placement of *The Bridges* landmark sign will have the view of the current Merrill Barber as its backdrop. The public is invited to attend this historic dedication which will be held on the east side of the popular Splash Fountain.

(Photo supplied by the IRC Historical Society)

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