

October is Launch Month for Year-Long City of Vero Beach Centennial Activities

The City of Vero Beach knows what it means to celebrate and their 100 years of becoming an incorporated city in Florida is at the top of their list. All activities recognizing this historic date will begin a year in advance, in October of 2018 and continue until the Centennial Celebratory Crescendo on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The Centennial Presenting Sponsor is Florida Power & Light.

A dedicated group of local residents have teamed together as one committee (Co-Chaired by City Clerk Tammy Bursick and Councilman Tony Young) to prepare a year of varied activities which will 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.

Everyone far and wide is invited to come, learn and enjoy as little or as much as they want each and every month. Feel free to continue checking the website www.VeroBeach100.org as more and more information becomes available. Your sneak peek for the month of October, sponsored by White Glove Moving, is listed below.

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.

October 2018

October 1, 2018

Walking Tree Centennial Brew

"Your Town. Your Beer. YOU Name It!" Your chance to be the winner of their summertime naming contest. A Pale Ale brewed with hibiscus and Centennial hops (YUM!) has been developed and distributed by Walking Tree Brewery all along the Treasure Coast.

Friday and Saturday, October 5 and 6, 2018

McKee Botanical Garden 10 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Come and enjoy a \$1 Admission Community Centennial Appreciation Days at McKee, thanking the community for their support since the original McKee Jungle Gardens opened in 1932. Last admission is sold at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 3p.m.

Sunbonnet Sue Quilters Guild

Representatives of the Sunbonnet Sue Quilters Guild have designed and created a quilt in recognition of the Centennial Year. They will make a presentation at the City Council meeting.

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 10a.m.

Banner Unveiling – *Sponsored by Publix Supermarkets*–

A Centennial Celebration Banner will be hung across 14th Avenue by The Heritage Center through October, 2019. Banner created by Image 360 Vero Beach

Friday, October 26, 2018 Time TBD

Tree Dedication Week–*Sponsored by Digg Gardens and Image 360*–

Thirty IRC public, charter and private school locations will be provided with a 30–gallon live oak tree with a plaque noting the centennial anniversary, planted and dedicated during the week of Oct 22–26. Locations for each tree planting and day and time of dedication will be made public in advance.



The first tree was planted at Storm Grove Middle School on Monday, August 6, 2018. Attending the planting were Hilary Poole–Assistant Principal, Committee Co–Chairs Tony Young and Tammy Bursick, Keondra Eberhardt –Assistant Principal, Anne Bieber –Principal, and Marilyn Dussault, Vice–Chair of the City of Vero Beach Tree & Beautification Commission. ~Photo by Lee Orre

Friday, October 26, 2018 7p.m.

Vero Beach High School Half-time Tribute

Game Starts at 7 p.m. Halftime show is entitled, “A Centennial Celebration – A Tribute to Vero Beach,” comprised of original music and backdrop art and photography depicting 100 years of the city and many places and events that it is known for including the airport, citrus, hibiscus, Dodgers, The Driftwood and many more. In addition to the musical tribute to all attending at half-time, Centennial committee members will be asked to enter the field for introduction and applause.



Some of the band members photographed during summer rehearsal by their hand-painted storage shed:
First row (seated) left to right: Jett Collins, Jillie Sweetland, Logan Fillizola, Gerrica Lamothe, Rita Cesare De Groat, Rosie Stawara. **Second row (kneeling) L to R:** Emily Cress, Abbey Knappman, Sarah Espinosa, Carmen Valesquez, Andrew Cassara, Mary Bernthal, Emma Swallow, Anna Terrlizzese. **Third row (standing) L to R:** Brandon Putzke (Associate Director), Tyler Putzke, Alex Weyand, Harry Reamy, Israel Martinez, Jared Willis, Jose Flores, Annika Sweetland, Page Howell (Head Director) ~ Photo by Nicolas Ellis

Thursday, October 25–Thursday, November 1

Centennial Soup Bowl Exhibit at the Vero Beach Museum of Art

Enjoy the hand-made and unique Centennial Soup Bowl Tureens on display/sale during museum hours and a free community weekend on Oct 27 and Oct 28

Saturday, October 27, 2018 Noon – 1 p.m.

Waldo's Flag Ceremony and Time Capsule–

In recognition of the City Centennial a horse–drawn carriage will deliver a Time Capsule filled with photographs and a myriad of artifacts to Waldo's Restaurant at The Driftwood on Ocean Drive. It will be planted in the ground at the foot of the newly purchased flag and flag pole in front of the ocean side restaurant. The celebration will include a showing of antique cars and a musical performance by the Charter High School Band.

Saturday, October 27, 2018 4 p.m – 9 p.m

Centennial Chili Challenge

Riverside Park by the River will feature this tasty 30– team challenge to recognize the Centennial. Music will be presented by The Humdingers Band and Slip and the Spinouts! Enjoy Hamburgers, hot dogs and desserts. Judging will take place at 6 p.m. and there will be a featured Centennial Chili included in the assortment. Mrs. Centennial Anna Valencia Tillery will be a judge for the People's Choice Chili. Organized by Sunrise Rotary. Do you have the ability to present 10 gallons of chili? It's a \$50 registration ...contact Debbie Avery at 772–494–6306 or Arthur Hodge at bigavol@bellsouth.net to sign up!



Checking out the event locale were committee members preparing for the big day and include: Bob McCabe, Centennial Chili Challenge Chair Arthur Hodge, Deb Avery, Marty Lewis, Jason Fykes, Lisa Gehin, Sunrise Rotary Vero Beach President Linda Scott, Pam O'Donnell. ~ Photo by Jen Hicks

Saturday and Sunday, October. 27 & 28 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Countryside Centennial Corn–Maze

The Countryside Corn Maze is joining in the celebration of Vero Beach's Centennial with the return of its seven–acre corn maze! There are lots of family–friendly activities in addition to the corn maze, including jumping pillow, barnyard ball zone, pumpkins, kiddy train rides, photo ops, nature trail, plus hayrides and the popular corn cannon (extra charges)...and more! Food and beverages are also available, so bring your appetite! Countryside Citrus is located at 6325 81st Street, Vero Beach. Visit www.countrysidecornmaze.com for all the details. Partial proceeds will benefit the renovations to McWilliams Park.

Poster Contest – Each school is invited to participate in the Centennial School Art Competition. The subject of the art will be Vero Beach City landmarks. Each school is allowed 3 entries and the selection of the entries will be made by the school. Works will be displayed at a Vero Beach Museum of Art exhibit on January 4, 2019. Competition winners will be announced and a reception will be held. The Vero Beach Art Club will judge the posters.

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