



Good Morning!

During the early morning of July 16, 1969, the 363-foot-tall Saturn V rocket blasted off from Kennedy Space Center pad 39A. Nearly a million people stood along the shores of the Indian River and Brevard County beaches to witness the Apollo 11 journey to the Moon.

Four days later, while Michael Collins orbited the Moon in the command module, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed Apollo 11's lunar module, Eagle, on the Moon's Sea of Tranquility, and became the first humans to set foot on the lunar surface.

The 50th Anniversary of this historic event will be celebrated around the world, and the Space Coast will be hosting events all month long to commemorate this monumental mission into Space and the explorations efforts that followed.

- On July 14, the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation will be hosting a "[Women in Space Panel](#)" at 1:30 PM at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cocoa Beach. Panelists include Astronauts Eileen Collins, Anna Fisher, Kay Hire and Ellen Ochoa. This event is free to attend. A panel on the "Future of Space" will begin at 3:00 PM with Astronauts Andy Allen, Bob Cabana and Chris Ferguson.
- On July 16, the [Celebrating Apollo Gala](#) will pay tribute to humanity's seemingly impossible achievement of reaching the moon. The Gala begins at 5:00 PM at the Kennedy Space Center.
- On July 16, the British rock band, Duran Duran, will be in the Rocket Garden at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex at 8:00 PM for an outdoor concert.
- On July 17, United Launch Alliance (ULA) is scheduled to launch its Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Launch Complex 41. It will be carrying a high frequency communications satellite for the U.S. Air Force.
- On July 20, the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex will host a "One Giant Leap Celebration" with enhanced Moon landing footage, displays and activities.
- On July 21, SpaceX is scheduled to launch its Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Launch Complex 40 and make its way to the International Space Station for a resupply mission.
- On July 24, the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex will host a "Welcome Home Celebration" to commemorate the Apollo 11 splashdown and the astronaut's safe return back to Earth.
- On July 25, ULA is scheduled to launch its last medium-class Delta IV rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station Launch Complex 37. The rocket will be launching the Air Force's second Global Positioning System III satellite to a medium-Earth orbit.

I consider it a great honor to represent all of the citizens and visitors of District 17. Please share [this link](#) with your friends and family so that they too can sign up for the [Mayfield Minute](#).

If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!

From the Desk of Governor Ron DeSantis

This past week Governor Ron DeSantis participated in the International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades (ICAST) and proclaimed July as Keep Florida Fishing Month.

"The protection of our vital water resources is one of the most pressing issues facing our state, and it is one that our state's over-four million licensed anglers now all too well," said Governor DeSantis. "While we have accomplished a lot, there is still much to be done. By working together we can protect and restore our natural resources so this industry can continue to thrive."

Furthering his commitment to conservation, the Governor recently signed the [Coastal Management bill](#) into law. This important legislation, sponsored by myself and Representative Chip LaMarca, will help protect our valuable coastal resources and improve the beach restoration process.

Governor DeSantis also signed the following bills into law:

[HB 5401: Department of Environmental Protection](#) creates the Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which will employ state law enforcement officers. Previously the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provided law enforcement for the department.

[HB 7071: Workforce Education](#) promotes career readiness and workforce opportunities for students and working adults, ensuring alignment between Florida's education and workforce needs.

[HB 1027: Office of Early Learning](#) establishes professional development standards and career pathways for early childhood teachers and school readiness program providers.

[SB 262: Child Welfare](#) revises the dependency process for abused children removed from their home to facilitate permanency within 1 year. Permanency for a dependent child can be reunification with parents, placement with a permanent guardian, such as a relative, or adoption. State law sets 1 year as a goal to achieve permanency.

[HB 441: E911 Systems](#) requires each county to implement text-to-911 services.

[SB 1080: Hazing](#), also known as Andrews Law, specifies that persons who solicit others to commit the crime of hazing or who plan any act of hazing may be prosecuted as if they actively participated in the hazing event under the provisions in the bill. If the hazing results in a permanent injury to the victim, the crime is a third degree felony.

[SB 7066: Election Administration](#) makes substantive changes to the Florida Election Code and implements Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution. Approved by Florida voters on November 6, 2018, this bill restores the voting rights of certain convicted felons.

[SB 1020: State Hemp Program](#) authorizes the Department of Agriculture to establish a state hemp program and sets up rule making and a board of experts to develop the system.

[HB 7107: Controlled Substances](#) classified Epidiolex as a Schedule V controlled substance to mirror federal law. The schedule V classification reflects the substance's newly approved medical use. Epidiolex is a prescription cannabidiol, which is used to treat seizures.

[SB 1418: Mental Health](#) requires that when a patient communicates a specific threat against an identifiable individual to a mental health service provider, the provider must notify law enforcement of the potential threat. The bill further requires that law enforcement notify the target of the threat presented.

[SB 322: Health Plans](#) allows insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) greater flexibility in their plan design and product offerings providing options of affordable health coverage for employers, employees, and individuals. The bill also requires insurers and HMOs to offer at least one policy or contract that does not exclude preexisting medical conditions if certain conditions are met.

[SB 732: Office Surgery](#) authorizes the DOH to register and regulate office surgeries to ensure the safety of patients that visit plastic surgery clinics.

District Highlights

Back to School Giveaway

CenterPointe Church in Palm Bay will be blessing families with free backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and medical screenings at their annual Back2School Giveaway event.

CenterPointe Church Back2School

Saturday, July 20th

8:00 AM -11:00 AM

Offsite Parking and shuttle services will be available beginning at 6:00 AM

Park at the Emergency Operations Center

899 Carlyle Street SE, Palm Bay

There will also be free carnival games, activities and food for the entire family to enjoy. The child must be present at the event to receive services and school supplies. If the child cannot be present, a birth certificate is required. For more information or to sign up to volunteer visit cpcurch.net/b2s/

Indian River County Scam Alert

Detectives with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office are warning residents of an ongoing scam in the area. At least six victims have reported receiving a call from a purported bank representative advising them that their debit card has been compromised.

The scammer then asks to confirm personal information, including the account personal identification number (PIN). The victim is then told a representative will respond to their home to recover their debit card and any other cards associated with the account. The scammers then use the cards for ATM withdrawals and to purchase money orders. Victims report that the scammers are extremely polite and very convincing.

Indian River County Sheriff Deryl Loar stated, "*Banks will never ask you to confirm your PIN or personal information over the phone. They will never send a representative to your home to recover a card. Please talk to your loved one's about this scam, as all of our victims have been over 70 years old.*"

If you have any information about suspects involved in this scam please call Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at (800) 273-TIPS or visit www.tcwatch.org.

Rescuing Veterans Lost in America Dinner

The Constitutional Officers of Brevard County will be hosting a dinner to raise funds to support the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) organization in their mission to eliminate homelessness among Veterans in central Florida.

Rescuing Veterans Lost in America

Saturday, July 27th at 5:30 PM
Radisson Resort at the Port
8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral

When NVHS was founded in 2008, there were approximately 4,500 homeless veterans living in Central Florida, 1,800 of which lived in Brevard County. As of 2018, Brevard County's homeless veteran population has been reduced by 88%.

To complete their mission of eliminating homelessness among our Veterans, the organization hopes to raise funds for housing for homeless and at-risk Veterans, utility and maintenance costs, and other items they distribute to homeless Veterans.

I am proud that this year the Brevard Delegation secured \$150,000 for NVHS to support a search and rescue program; provide emergency, transitional and permanent housing; and support services for our Veterans in need.

For questions or to reserve your seat, please email events@nvhs.org or visit NVHS.org.

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