



Good Morning!

Last week I was honored to receive the Florida Dental Association's 2019 Champion for Dentistry Award. This award was presented for my "*unwavering commitment to health care.*"

During the 2019 Legislative Session the Florida Legislature passed HB 843 to incentivize the practice of dentistry in our rural communities by providing for a dental student loan repayment program for dentists who practice in areas that are experiencing a dental health professional shortage or medically underserved areas. The bill also established the Donated Dental Services Program to provide a list of dental providers that provide comprehensive dental services at no cost to eligible individuals.

The Florida Legislature also passed a bill, sponsored by myself and Representative Tyler Sirois, requiring dentists to complete two hours of continuing education on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled substances during every biennial license renewal period. The bill was signed into law by Governor DeSantis on June 18th.

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!

Volunteer Florida

Volunteer Florida has launched its official volunteer opportunities platform and is inviting nonprofits and government entities to post their volunteer opportunities.

Eligible organizations can use Volunteer Connect to promote volunteer opportunities; schedule volunteers; track volunteer hours; communicate with volunteers; and access volunteer management training.

Throughout the summer, organizations can register on [Volunteer Connect](#) and post future volunteer opportunities. The platform will then be made available to the public in Fall 2019.

Volunteer Florida was established in 1994 to manage national service programs, such as AmeriCorps, and advocate for volunteerism throughout the state. Today, Volunteer Florida serves as the state's lead agency for mobilizing volunteers and coordinating donations before, during and after disasters, including managing the Florida Disaster Fund. With \$43

million in federal, state and local funding, Volunteer Florida supports volunteer programs that are engaging Floridians, transforming communities and making the state a better place to live.

If your organization is interested in registering with Volunteer Connect please visit VolunteerFlorida.Org.

Everglades Reservoir Project Accelerated

Following an Executive Order from Governor Ron DeSantis, The [South Florida Water Management District](#) (SFWMD) has expedited the construction of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project by 18 months. The District has submitted permit applications to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to begin clearing a 700 foot wide strip of land for the project. This will be the site of the proposed EAA Reservoir Project, which encompasses about 690 acres.

This work will prepare the land to build a canal and perimeter levee for the project's stormwater treatment area. The canal will feed water diverted from Lake Okeechobee through existing canals into the 240,000 acre-foot reservoir and stormwater treatment area. The proposed A-2 Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) will treat and cleanse water before it is sent to the Southern Everglades.

"This is great. We are moving forward on this reservoir project at full speed under the direction of Gov. Ron DeSantis because it is a crucial component of the overall plan to restoring America's Everglades," said SFWMD Executive Director Drew Bartlett. *"The permit applications are the latest major milestone that will get this project built and its benefits realized in the foreseeable future."*

The 690 acres needed for this project is currently leased by the Florida Crystals Corporation for agricultural use. In letters written to SFWMD, Florida Crystals committed to ensuring the District has access to leased land to expedite this critical restoration work.

The District expects to receive the permits and complete the preparation work for the levee and canal by the end of the year, allowing crews to start excavating the intake canal in 2020. Once the levee, canal and STA are complete, SFWMD can use the STA to cleanse southbound water even before the reservoir itself is completed.

The EAA Reservoir is expected to send an annual average of 370,000 additional acre-feet of clean water south to the Southern Everglades. It will also reduce the number of damaging discharge events from Lake Okeechobee to the northern estuaries by 63% when used in conjunction with other projects.

For additional information related to the EAA Reservoir please visit sfwmd.gov/eaareservoir.

District Highlights

Boeing Space Headquarters Moving to Space Coast

Boeing recently announced that it is moving its Space and Launch Headquarters from Arlington, VA to Titusville, FL.

"The relocation of the Boeing Defense, Space & Security Space and Launch headquarters to Florida is more of a homecoming than a move to someplace new," said Boeing Defense, Space & Security President and CEO Leanne Caret. "Boeing helped build the Space Coast during the first Space Age and has long been a leading presence in this storied community. As we move forward into the second Space Age, Boeing will build the future again from this base across our portfolio of human spaceflight, military and commercial space programs."

"Florida is the world's premiere gateway to space and our commercial space industry continues to flourish," said Governor DeSantis. "Boeing's decision to move its Space and Launch headquarters from Arlington, Virginia to Titusville affirms our state's position as a national leader in innovation and job growth and will bring increased investment to the Space Coast."

In announcing the relocation of the headquarters to Titusville, Boeing leaders said the timing of the move makes sense for multiple reasons: the Boeing-built X-37B uncrewed, reusable space vehicle has continued to perform long-duration missions for the U.S. Air Force; Boeing's satellite programs are anticipating increased tempo in local payload processing and launch activity; the company is enhancing its focus on mission integration and launch system operations in collaboration with the Air Force; the Boeing's Starliner commercial spacecraft is preparing for two flight tests later this year ahead of operational missions to the International Space Station beginning in 2020.

For more information visit Boeing.com/space/.

Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County

The Mental Health Collaborative of Indian River County was awarded the "Rising Star-Treasure Coast Non-Profit Organization of the Year" at 211 Helpline's 2019 Jewels of the Treasure Coast Luncheon.

While the origins of the Collaborative date back 15 years, the organization officially incorporated in September 2016 and has since been instrumental in connecting over 2,597 Indian River County residents with critical and timely mental health and substance abuse services.

The Collaborative is a partnership of local community members, and non-profit agencies working together to educate and facilitate solutions for mental health issues. The organization's strategic plan has focused on four priorities: Mental Health Court (launched in 2015); reducing mental health stigma; incorporating behavioral health into primary care; and operating a community connection center.

Since it opened in 2016, the McCabe Connections Center has strengthened Indian River County's mental health continuum of care by helping residents gain access to mental health and substance abuse services. Staff is on hand to help individuals receive both financial and clinical screenings to determine the level and types of services needed.

"We have some of the best biopsychosocial services available right here in Indian River County, but it's often difficult for people in distress to navigate the system and access the right care the first time," said Brett Hall, the Collaborative's Executive Director.

The Mental Health Collaborative is currently made up of 35 organizations, mental health practitioners and interested individuals who are committed to working together to make

sure very person who needs help gets it. Many of the Collaborative provider members have signed agreements to provide access to appointments to individuals referred through the Connection Center.

For more information about the Collaborative, please contact Brett Hall (772) 217-3663 brett.hall@mhcollaborative.net or visit www.mhcollaborative.org.

Astronaut Parade

In anticipation of the 50th Anniversary of man's first steps on the Moon, and the exploration efforts that followed the City of Cocoa Beach is hosting a parade with our Astronauts.

Astronaut Parade
Saturday, July 13th
Beginning at 9:30 AM
Street Party to follow from 11:30 AM -4:00 PM

The parade route will begin at 4th Street North, proceed south on Orlando Avenue and end at 1st Street South. Visit the [Astronaut Scholarship Foundation](#) for more information on the festivities.

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