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Hello Reader,

## Features

### [Port Director Contract Makes Poor Case for Small Government](#)



After this week's shake-up in finalizing Port Manatee's new executive director's contract, I spent some time reviewing the particulars. As is usually the case, I came away feeling less than confident as a taxpayer that everything was done in my best interest. Every time I hear someone advocate more small government, I wonder how much "small government" they've actually seen in action.

### [Tentative Deal With EPA on Water Standards Could Collapse Over Canal Exemptions](#)



Though Florida's Department of Environmental Protection and the EPA have tentatively agreed on pollution rules to protect Florida's waters, the whole deal could go up in smoke over the issue of canals and whether they will be exempted. While the EPA has agreed to certain exemptions for man-made, retention-type canals, certain industries are pushing for statewide exemptions, including canals that are naturally occurring and more environmentally sensitive.

### [Port Authority Ploy Turns into Merry-Go-Round Meeting](#)



There is no doubt Carlos Buqueras is the director we want and need running the show over at Port Manatee and he shouldn't be shaken by the "Super Committee" approach that commissioners have taken regarding his contract. He's the new kid in town and believe it or not, all of this fuss is really a sign of BOCC endearment.

### [Harry Kinnan Selected as Chair of Manatee School Board](#)



Board member Harry Kinnan was unanimously elected school board chair and Karen Carpenter was elected vice chairperson. Regular meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 5:45 p.m. The votes were held by the board at Tuesday evening's reorganization meeting.

## Government

### Local

### [Manatee County Commission Agenda Results, Nov. 21, 2011](#)



Manatee County Commissioners voted to approve Commission Redistricting and Supervisor of Elections agrees with the boundaries. Budget Amendment Resolution approved and Children Services gets funding. Port Authority revisits conflict over Director's contract. Tourist Development Plan adopted.

### [Palmetto City Commission Results](#)

The Palmetto City Commission convened yesterday for a scheduled meeting. New commissioner Charles Smith was sworn in. Land use amendments and standards for



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## Featured Business

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## [The Open Mic](#)



farm labor camps were among the items discussed by the board.

[FFRF Asks BOCC to Cease Public Prayer at Meetings](#)



The Freedom From Religion Foundation has sent a letter to the Manatee County Board of Commissioners, addressed to Chairwoman Carol Whitmore, asking again that the BOCC cease asking the public to stand at the beginning of each meeting for a Christian prayer. The organization called the practice "unnecessary, inappropriate and divisive."

Need to get something off your chest? Just want to express yourself on the issues facing our community? Let your inner editor loose in the Open Mic. Sound of and let everyone know whats on your mind!

[The Open Mic](#)

State

[Is State Senator Paula Dockery the People's New Watchdog in Tallahassee?](#)



Florida State Senator Paula Dockery (R-Lakeland) is one public official who's been building a reputation for putting action behind words when it comes to responsible government. Dockery, who recently filed The Ethical Practices Act of 2012 Act with state Representative Fred Costello (R-Ormond Beach), was all over USF Polytech President Marshall Goodman for his garish spending on questionable causes last week and was one of the loudest voices decrying the highly-questionable CSX/Sunrail deal.



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Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 11/22/2011)

Should the BOCC and other government meetings open with an invocation (prayer)?

Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 11/21/11](#)



The equity markets continue to be heavily influenced by the sovereign debt problems facing Europe. This was evident last week as stocks paid virtually no attention to a string of positive U.S. economic reports and finishing the week with losses of 3% and more. The message appears clear that Europe's situation could significantly influence the domestic economy as exports, which have been a bright spot in 2011, could be negatively impacted.

Choice	%
Dinner at home with family / friends	50
Dinner at family / friends locally	31
Traveling to family / friends	9
Dinner at a restaurant	6
Volunteering at one of the area "helping hand dinners"	1

Community

['Stuff the Bus' Event Exceeds Goal](#)

More than 120,000 pounds of food was collected this past weekend for The Food Bank of Manatee during the annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign. The amount collected easily exceeded the goal of 100,000 pounds of food established prior to the event.



[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 11/23/2011](#)



- O'Brien Family Farms Donates Fresh Produce to Local Food Bank, Our Daily Bread
- Gurley & Associates Earns Top Ranking for Construction Law by Best Lawyers in America
- Suncoast Communities Blood Bank Awarded Gulf Coast Community Foundation Grant
- New Wellness Center in Downtown Bradenton
- Help Spread the Holiday Cheer
- USF Sarasota-Manatee Director of Computer Information Services offers tips for safe online shopping this holiday season
- America's Promise Alliance names Manatee County in Top 100 list of Best Communities for Young People
- Become a Master Gardener Volunteer

[Local Champs for Children Hear About Gang Turnaround](#)



The recent *Champs for Children* breakfast hosted by Manatee Glens gave the community an opportunity to hear some gutwrenching stories of troubled young lives that ended in inspirational turnarounds, while shining a light on the local facility and the impact its programs have had on some members of our local community.

[Manatee County Animal Adoption Fees Slashed this Month](#)



Celebrate the Fall season with Falling Prices at Manatee County Animal Services. Prices have fallen 30% off the regular adoption fee. Dogs, regularly priced at \$80, will be available for \$56 throughout November. Cats, normally priced at \$60 will be available for \$42. Prices include spay/neuter, vaccinations, health check, current rabies certificate/tag and a microchip.

**Environment**

[New Port Richey Demo Plant Showcases New Clean Energy Process](#)



Tampa-based Culturing Solutions hosted the grand opening of the first algae to biofuel demonstration plant Thursday in New Port Richey. The innovative process uses algae to produce transportation fuel, energy, nutritional products, cosmetics, medicine and other household items, according to the company.

**Arts and Entertainment**

[5 Steps to Finding Your "Lucky" This Thanksgiving](#)

It is November, the leaves are falling, the days are getting shorter, and families are making their Thanksgiving plans. For me, I can close my eyes and the aroma of my mother's house on Thanksgiving Day rushes over me. She always makes her famous mushy-mushy, what she calls stuffing and more food than our small family could ever eat, but just that is enough to spark a feeling of gratitude deep within my heart.

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\* \* **Catch of the Week** \* \*



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## Food & Dining

### [Frying a Turkey Gets a Bit More Expensive This Year](#)



The tradition of cooking a turkey has changed over the past few years. While I like the traditional oven-baked turkey with stuffing, there is something about a fried turkey that excites the taste buds. Let me warn you: it is not cheap and it is not without a little bit of a mess to deal with. Here's what you need to know.

### [Tijuana Flats Opens First Manatee Location](#)



Orlando-based Tijuana Flats, famous for its fresh Tex-Mex food and unique ambiance, opens its first Bradenton location at 2127 Cortez Road today. The new location will feature Tijuana Flats fresh, made-to-order menu, a 14-pump hot sauce bar and the lively atmosphere patrons have come to expect from this Tex-Mex chain with 75 locations in Florida, Indiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia

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## Fishing

### [Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Week of November 21, 2011](#)



Our forum has everything you need to know for fishing this week. The Bradenton Times will now feature a catch of the week, fishing regulation updates, a fishing report from a local charter captain and weather forecast. This forum is unique because it allows for the reader to send in questions, pictures and comments. Its purpose is to promote interaction between average anglers and the fishing experts.

## Upcoming Events

There are hundreds of things going on in Bradenton and Manatee County every week. Our Events Calendar is the most comprehensive in the area. Take a look and find something going on that is just right for you!

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## Notable Events:

November 23, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [Storytime at South Manatee Library](#)
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Community Picnic at Katie Pieola Park](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

November 24, 2011

- [Happy Thanksgiving Day](#)
- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [Thanksgiving Day - Government Office Closings](#)
- [Bradenton Runners Club - Thanksgiving Turkey Trot](#) Time: 8:00 am
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [The Longboat Island Chapel - Thanksgiving Dinner](#) Time: 2:00 pm

November 25, 2011

- [Black Friday](#)
- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [Friends of the South Manatee Library Book Discussion Group](#) Time: 10:00 am
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November 26, 2011

- [Small Business Saturday](#)
- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Regatta Pointe Marina 3rd Annual "TURKEY RUN Regatta"](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [AMI Sail & Power Squadron - The America's Boating Course](#) Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

November 27, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Tennessee Titans](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November 28, 2011

- [Cyber Monday](#)
- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [How to Start and Manage Your Business](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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- ['Claus and Paws' Pet Photos with Santa at Desoto Square](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Looking Further Ahead

December 16, 2011

- [\\*\\*\\* Jingle Bell 5K at the Ranch \\*\\*\\*](#) Time: 5:00 pm

December 31, 2011

- [\\*\\*\\* Bradenton Runners Club - Manatee River 5 mile Run \\*\\*\\*](#) Time: 7:30 am

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