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Hello Reader,

Features

[Optimism in Housing Market Ignores One Thing: All of the Empty Houses](#)



Some of the recent articles about the need for more new homes in Manatee County seemed counter-intuitive. If there was a recovery in the local market, it went largely unnoticed by most of us, who remain surrounded by vacant properties in our neighborhoods. If the inventory of foreclosed homes has been largely depleted, where are my new neighbors?

[Popular Palmetto Parks set to Receive Makeover](#)



Every night one can drive by Sutton and Lamb parks and witness an intense game of basketball on the well-lit courts. They will also see couples hitting doubles on the tennis court, families practicing baseball on the clay diamond, and children swinging freely on the monkey bars at the playground. But the racquetball court goes unutilized, and an old Jaycee's bandstand seems out of place.

[Ron Paul Brings Big Name into Thin Presidential Nomination Race](#)



With his recent announcement that he would in fact seek the 2012 Republican Presidential nomination, Congressman Ron Paul brings a big name and turnkey support network into a candidate field that has been surprisingly slow in terms of jumping into a race that had once seemed likely to be amongst the most crowded in modern history.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton, May 20-22](#)



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Government

Local

[City of Palmetto Regular Meeting Results May 16, 2011](#)



The Palmetto City Commission approved plans for the Community Redevelopment Agency to begin negotiations with local architects in an effort to revamp both Sutton and Lamb parks. The plans will take a survey conducted by the CRA into account, and allow for public input at a meeting on July 14, 2010. The PCC also approved plans for a reclaimed water project, improvements to Haben Blvd. and Palmetto Estuary habitat restoration to remove exotic species.

[Got That Sinking Feeling? Don't Worry, It's the County, Not You](#)



A high-tech mapping of coastal high-hazard areas revealed that Manatee County is lower than officials thought - but the state hasn't sunk and the sea hasn't risen, they said.

State

[What is the Department of Economic Opportunity and how will it Impact](#)



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The Community Notices

[Manatee Players Volunteer Awards](#)



L-R: Kathy Johnson, Board Member
Natalie Gundrum, Walter Zahn

Featured Business

[Ronald J. Hernden, CPA PA](#)

[The Open Mic](#)

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!

Growth Management?



The 2011 Florida Legislative Session included major changes in the state's growth management laws – the impacts of which are still being sorted out by local governments. Several pieces of legislation collectively redefine growth management in the state, including multiple items in the state budget. The biggest change is the reorganization of several agencies, including DCA, under the newly created "Department of Economic Opportunity."

[The Open Mic](#)

Law Enforcement

[Jose Santos Named Bradenton Officer of the Month for May](#)



Master Patrol Officer Jose Santos has been selected to receive the Officer of the Month award for May 2011 for his role in taking down and arresting a man who had pointed a loaded gun at a woman.

The Community Notices

RE/MAX Alliance Group Congratulates Peggy Christ



Schools and Education

[Two St. Stephen's Students Earn National Merit Scholar Status](#)



Do you know what vampire-novelist Stephanie Meyer, United States Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, the first African-American woman in space -- Astronaut Mae Carol Jemison and Former Chairman of the Microsoft Corporation Bill Gates all have in common? Well, they are all former National Merit Award winners, and this year two Saint Stephen's students will compete as finalists. Out of 1.5 million applicants for the National Merit Scholarship, local students Morgan McSweeney and Daniel Kanoff won the title of National Merit Scholars.

[FCAT Retake Results Released by FDOE](#)



Manatee District 12th graders retaking the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test bettered the state average in mathematics when it comes to scoring high enough to qualify for graduation. Students must pass the reading and math portions of the FCAT to graduate from high school.

Local News

[Point of Information: Bradenton Parliamentarians Mark 50th Anniversary](#)



For 50 years now, the Parliamentarians of Manatee County have kept things in order at countless meetings of groups that may have started, bloomed and died as the decades passed - and usually have done so in silence. On Thursday, at their celebration of a half-century of service, their long silence was broken.

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Opinion

[Letter to the Editor: Regarding Segways in County Parks](#)



Segways have been creating quite a ripple lately with the Manatee County Commission taking up the issue of whether they should be allowed in county parks. One Bradenton Beach business man wonders whether a ban would contradict the county's own codes.

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Business and Financial

[Local Healthcare Provider Buys Lunch to Honor Admin. Asst. Appreciation Day](#)



April 27 was National Administration Assistant Appreciation day. Administrative Assistants keep the office running while taking little credit for all of the work they do each year. Manatee County Rural Health, one of the largest employers in Manatee County, held a luncheon at the Golden Coral in Bradenton to celebrate the hard work done by the professionals in the local area.

Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 5/18/2011)

What do you think of the 2011 Legislative Session?

[2011 Class of Gulf Coast Leadership Institute Announced](#)

Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice has announced the 24 aspiring and

Choice %
It was terrible for average

experienced community leaders who will take part in the 2011 class of its Gulf Coast Leadership Institute. The participants begin the three-month leadership development program with a two-day opening retreat on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14.

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 5/16/2011](#)



Stock prices declined last week for the second week in row. The equity markets are struggling with the potential for weaker growth at home and abroad. The concern is that the Fed's quantitative easing program, which expires in June, will cause a business slowdown while rising interest rates in Europe and China could handicap growth overseas.

Community

[Manatee County Tax Collector Receives Governor's Sterling Award](#)



Governor Rick Scott announced the winners of the 2011 Governor's Sterling Award today: Manatee County Tax Collector and the Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Tampa. Since 1992, the Florida Sterling Council, located in the office of the Governor, has assisted organizations in utilizing proven standards of excellence as a guide to making improvements that generate better operations, customer value, and overall results.

[Manatee County Neighborhood Services Offering Help to Groups Planning National Night Out Events](#)



Manatee County Neighborhood Services Department wants to help you plan your neighborhood's Aug. 2 National Night Out celebration. National Night Out is an annual event designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, to build support and participation in local anti-crime programs and to send a message that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 5/19/2011](#)



- Manatee Chamber President Robert P. Bartz Honored with Paul Harris Fellowship Award
- Bradenton's Newest Rotary Club Invites General Public
- Manatee Players Volunteer Awards
- RE/MAX Alliance Group Congratulates Peggy Christ
- New College of Florida's Gordon Michalson to Retire as President and Return to the Classroom, Effective July 1, 2012
- Manatee Chamber Of Commerce And State College Of Florida Partner To Offer Online Learning Opportunities

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Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Week of May 16, 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.

[The Complete 28th Annual Crosthwait Results](#)



Mother Nature was the biggest challenger in this weekend's Crosthwait. Gales, waterspouts, high-seas and side-ways rain all tested anglers fishing. Fishermen/women were forced to hunker down on islands, hide in the mangroves, take cover under bridges or find any other creative means to seek shelter from the storms on Saturday.

[Captain Zach's Manatee Fishing Report, 5/17/11](#)

Excellent trout, mackerel, bluefish, and pompano action continues to be strong on the inshore waters of coastal Manatee County. Throw in a slew of rod-benders as sharks,

Floridians	22%
It was a very productive session	1%
It was good, but failed to go far enough with cuts and legislation	74%
It was the best they could do considering the shortfall	2%

New Poll:

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



Les Fulcher, from Longboat Key, caught this big 'cuda on a plug while fishing out of Andros South Lodge.

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ladyfish and jackcrevalle and you have the recipe for big fun fishing right now. Snook and redfish are pleasing anglers as well.

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast May 20, 2011](#)



Your fishing forecast features, coastal temperatures, sea conditions, tides and peak fishing hours. However, the best part of this fun feature is that you can customize your own forecast by following the links. So utilize The Bradenton Times to get you where you need to go and help you catch that big one

Sports

[Calling All Tennis Stars for US Open sectional Qualifier in Bradenton](#)



The entry deadline for the 2011 US Open National Playoffs Florida Sectional Qualifying Tournament is May 18th. Players can compete in singles or mixed doubles, which was added this year. The US Open National Playoffs Florida Sectional Qualifying Tournament will take place at IMG Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Bradenton, FL on May 28 – June 3.

[Bradenton Marauders Drop Pitching Duel, 1-0](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, fell in a pitcher's duel Sunday, 1-0, at McKechnie Field. The star of the day was Clearwater starter Jarred Cosart. The righthander retired the first 18 batters he faced and carried a perfect game into the bottom of the seventh inning.

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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Other Notable Events:

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- [Bradenton Get Down Downtown](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Dunedin](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am

May 20, 2011

- [2011 New College of Florida Senior Thesis Art Exhibition](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- [Hurricane Bash Golf Tournament & Celebrity Chef Showcase](#) Time: 1:00 pm

May 21, 2011

- [Manatee County Audubon Society - Junior Audubon](#) Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Young Eagle Rally. Free airplane rides. Kids 8 thru 17.](#) Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

May 22, 2011

- [Macy's Miracle Foundation 6TH ANNUAL SUMMER KICK-OFF BASH](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

May 23, 2011

- [Sarasota/Manatee Black Caucus](#) Time: 5:00 pm
- [Manatee County School Board Meeting](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

May 24, 2011

- [Bradenton Downtown Development Authority](#) Time: 8:30 am
- [Lakewood Ranch Kiwanis](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [The Ups Store To Host Free Franchise Opportunity Seminar](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

May 25, 2011

- [The Courthouse Concert Series](#) Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- [Bradenton City Council](#) 6:00 pm

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