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Hello Reader,

Features

[Charlie Crist vs. Rick Scott in 2014?](#)



The Internet has been abuzz with speculation that Charlie Crist might be positioning himself for a run against Rick Scott in the 2014 Florida gubernatorial race – as a Democrat! On the surface, this might sound like typical horse-race speculation, but there are signs that it might be true – and that it might make good political sense.

[Teachers to See Insurance Hikes, Termination Pay Reductions, and Open-Ended Step Increases](#)



The Manatee County School Board likes to boast about their transparency, but the most important public hearing of the year, one that would affect the jobs of 4,850 people, wasn't broadcast. At last night's legislative hearing, the board listened to the possible resolutions presented by both the Superintendent and Manatee Education Association. Employees will now have increased health insurance premiums, will be required to negotiate step increases, and acquire a 50 percent reduction in termination pay.

[The Talk Goes On: Bradenton Won't Permit Downsized River Song Apartments](#)



The decades-long discussion over what should happen in the last stretch of the City of Bradenton's downtown riverfront property will be extended, the Bradenton City Council decided Wednesday, as it voted 5-0 against a downsized plan for a luxury apartment building called River Song.

[City Council Must be Cautious in Developing Final Portion of the Sandpile](#)



Building more luxury apartments on the downtown riverfront might improve the demographics that are keeping retailers at bay. But betting that people will flock to relatively expensive rentals without such commercial features already in place is risky – and it means developing the last major portion of the Sandpile with no meaningful retail space along the river east of 41.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: June 10-12](#)



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Government

Local

[Bradenton City Council Results June 8, 2011](#)



The Bradenton City Council met yesterday for a jam packed agenda that included a host of hotly contested issues including the proposed apartment complex on the riverfront, the adoption of form-based zoning codes and a major revision to a Western Bradenton subdivision. The full agenda results are available here.

[With Gallo Strongly Opposed, City Council Passes Form Based Codes](#)



In what has been a long and often confusing process, the Bradenton City Council passed legislation yesterday that will drastically alter the process of conformity and planning in certain urban districts. Though many changes have been made to the original process, the end result left several parties less than satisfied.

['Nasty' Abandoned Golf Course at Village Green To Be Transformed by Development](#)



Pat Neal, Manatee County's most prolific builder, in a unanimous vote of the Bradenton City Council Wednesday won approval for a duplex community, the 160-unit Seasons at Village Green in NE Bradenton near 75th St. and Manatee Ave.

[A Spat Over Sprawl](#)



If campaigns and candidates ever run out of things to talk about, there's always sprawl. Like the development of suburban, rural Florida, that discussion can apparently go on forever.

[Manatee County Commission Agenda Results, June 7, 2011](#)

The Manatee County Commission met for a regular meeting yesterday in the BOCC chambers. Changes to the planning commission and the re-zone of the Port Manatee



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[Rick Smith and Lisa Johnson Elected to Community Boards](#)



Rick Smith Lisa Johnson

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[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 off and let everyone know whats on your mind!

The Open Mic

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[Elizabeth Walch Elected Treasurer of the Manatee County Bar Association](#)



Encouragement Zone were among the items addressed by the board.

Law Enforcement

[Sgts. Racky and Sahley BPD Officers of the Month for June](#)



Sgts. James Racky and Dennis Stahley are the co-recipients of the Bradenton Police Officer of the Month for June 2011 for their role in saving the life of a distraught man who was threatening to jump off the DeSoto Bridge.

Schools and Education

[School District of Manatee County's Student Progression Plan Emphasizes Early Graduation and Virtual Classes](#)



Several new additions were added to next year's student progression plan in Manatee County Schools. The school board wants elementary school teachers to up the reading level of their students. In middle school, more emphasis will be put on the importance of transcripts with an option to achieve high-school credits. In high school, lower performing students may choose a performance based diploma exit option.

[Manatee District Students Show Improvements in FCAT Scores](#)



The percentage of Manatee District students considered proficient in reading, math, and science grew in 7 of 17 grade-level categories tested, according to 2011 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test results released by the Florida Department of Education.

Local News

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Opinion

[Letter to the Editor: What has Gone Wrong with Manatee School District's Finances?](#)



The Manatee County School District has been struggling to get their fiscal house in order, including deficits in both health care and worker's comp plans. One reader asks what the superintendent meant when he said he would "take the bullet"

Business and Financial

[Remanufacturer of Energy-efficient Industrial Motors to Locate in Manatee County](#)



CEC Motor & Utility Services will locate in Manatee County in 2011 to remanufacture industrial motors for high energy efficiency. The company plans to create at least 36 jobs over the next five years, according to Eric Basinger, executive director of the Manatee Economic Development Council (EDC).

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 6/6/2011](#)



The major indexes remained under pressure last week and closed lower for the fifth week in a row. Despite it being a holiday-shortened week, the S&P 500 posted its largest weekly decline since August of last year. While it is premature to definitely say that a top is in place, the pattern of stocks in recent weeks and months (particularly the loss of momentum and sector leadership from defensive areas of the market) is consistent with a cyclical bull market that is in its final stages.

Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 6/9/2011](#)



- Rick Smith and Lisa Johnson Elected to Community Boards
- Florida West Coast RC&D Hires New Executive Director
- New Dean appointed at USF Sarasota-Manatee
- Manatee Glens FACT Team celebrates 10 years of service
- Larry Morse Joins Raymond James Financial Services
- Elizabeth Walch Elected Treasurer of the Manatee County Bar Association

[Vacancy on City's Tree Board](#)

The City of Bradenton's Tree and Land Preservation Board needs a landscape nursery professional to serve on its board. The board meets in the Planning and Community Development Conference Room at 4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at



Elizabeth Walch

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Last Week's Poll Results (as of 6/8/2011)

What best describes your political beliefs?

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| Choice | % |
| Republican | 13% |
| Democrat | 11% |
| Tea Party | 26% |
| Libertarian | 38% |
| Progressive Liberal | 10% |

New Poll:

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What is the best Course of action for the last undeveloped portion of the downtown Bradenton waterfront?

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Bradenton City Hall, 101 Old Main St. Board members are expected to attend these meetings.

Manatee Utilities: Low Reuse Water Pressure Result of Dry Season



Manatee County reclaimed water customers may be experiencing low pressure due to high demand and drier than normal conditions. Manatee County Utilities officials expect additional periods of low pressure on the reclaimed system and are asking reclaimed water customers to conserve irrigation water by watering lawns only during evening hours. Low pressures could continue until the rainy season begins in June.

FPL to Trim Trees in Palma Sola Area



A Florida Power & Light contractor will be trimming tree branches and limbs and clearing overgrown vegetation near its lines this month in the Palma Sola area. This is necessary to remove vegetation and branches that could knock out a power line during windy weather.

Arts and Entertainment

Artists at Work Opening Reception Thursday Night at ArtCenter Manatee



The opening reception for "Artists at Work" will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday night at ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. W. in downtown Bradenton. Artists will portray themselves either literally or figuratively and often depict themselves at work with the tools of their craft, but the concept is also about the creative process of self-reflection that leads to their expression through art.

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Fishing

BYC Hosts Free Family-Friendly Firefighter Fishing Tournament on Father's Day



Hosting a fishing tournament on Father's Day is a win-win situation. Father and son anglers spend the weekend fishing side by side. Those who don't want to participate can bring the wife and kids to a family-friendly weigh-in. Invite Grandpa and it's a family affair that doesn't even mess up the kitchen. Did we mention all proceeds go to charity?

Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast June 10, 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

Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Week of June 6, 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

Sports

Bradenton Marauders Win Third Straight 5-2



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, took their third straight Thursday, topping the Brevard County Manatees 5-2 at McKechnie Field.

Marauders Rout Manatees to Sweep Set



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, completed a four game sweep of the Brevard County Manatees Friday, using a season best 19 hits in a 13-3 rout.

Marauders Drop Pitcher Duel 6-1 in Charlotte



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, dropped a great pitcher's duel 6-1 to the Charlotte Stone Crabs at Charlotte Sports Park.

Irwin, Grossman Lead Marauders in Shutout of Stone Crabs



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, used a scoreless outing from Phillip Irwin and a top night from Robbie Grossman to beat the Charlotte Stone Crabs 4-0 at Charlotte Sports Park.

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



Keith McClintock with a tarpon caught in the coastal gulf while fishing with Capt. Rick Grasset, which was measured and DNA sampled before being released.

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View the [Full Calendar](#)

Other Notable Events:

June 9, 2011

- [Women's Leadership Initiative - Step Into Summer](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- [The Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club General Meeting](#) Time: 7:00 pm

June 10, 2011

- [Silent Auction of Highwayman Giclee](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- [Fire Charity Fishing Tournament](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

June 11, 2011

- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Ft. Myers](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

June 13, 2011

- [Rotary Club Business Luncheon](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Manatee Sierra Club Conservation Committee Meeting](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

June 14, 2011

- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Groundbreaking For New Mti Main Campus](#) Time: 4:00 pm

June 15, 2011

- [Summer 2011 Storytime at South Manatee Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Summer Storytime at Palmetto Branch Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Summer Storytime at Braden River Branch Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Charlotte](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

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