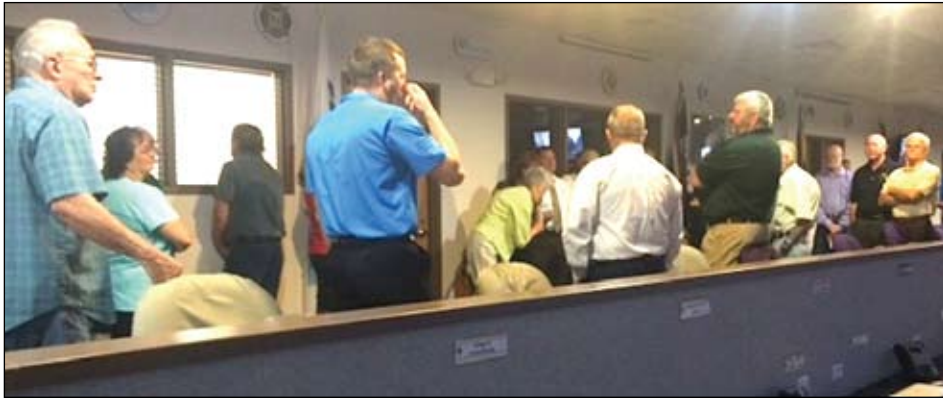


Emergency Management Tour



The Ocala Business Leaders were invited to a breakfast / tour of the Marion County Emergency Management Operation. Lieutenant Chip Wildy, Emergency Management Director, conducted the tour. The facility was well designed. Above: Lieutenant Chip Wilder was presented with a certificate of appreciation award.

Happy Father's Day

Senior Fishing Derby

The Senior Fishing Derby came off without a hitch. I'm not sure what kind of fish this is in the picture (right) but it was a proud catch and was put back for another day. In some of the pictures on page 6 were the sponsor and the City of Ocala Parks and Recreation putting on the Fishing Derby. The food was great and a good time was had by all.



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**The Refuge:
A Healing Place**

CEO Dan Buckner welcomed the CEP/Ocala Chamber to their function. When we first arrived several people moving carts met us in the parking area and took us to where we check in. We checked in and out the door was a huge tent on the grounds. That was the place where we were having our event. All of the residents were on a field trip which gave them privacy from us. The Refuge is located in a beautiful setting in the Ocala National Forest.

is until you take a bus tour of the facility. There are many cabins under oak tree shaded settings. They are in the process of re-vamping the cottages, adding new services and expanding the services already there. The food was buffet-style presented nicely by the chef and the chef's assistants, and it was very tasty.

Near the end of the event CEO Dave Buckner was presented an award by Kevin Sheilly of the CEP/Ocala Chamber. (Photo by Shea Kimbrough)

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Florida House of Representatives

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



We in the Florida House of Representatives adjourned three days earlier than scheduled this year, because of an impasse over the state budget, mainly because the legislature cannot agree on healthcare

funding. I thought it would be important to provide some perspective on this very important issue.

Our reasons for opposing Medicaid expansion are simple and clear: Medicaid is a

flawed program, and the federal government is an unreliable partner.

Numerous studies suggest that patients with no health insurance at all often have better health outcomes than those covered by Medicaid. Its notoriously low reimbursements to doctors, hospitals, and clinics that treat Medicaid patients offer little incentive to provide excellent care. It is my belief that a program that currently covers 3.7 million Floridians at a cost of \$23.5 billion a year, should be yielding better results.

Furthermore, expanding Medicaid is bad for our children and our grandchildren. Some argue that federal funds are “free” money. Nothing from a government with

an \$18 trillion debt is free. As tempting as it may be to accept money for a quick fix to a current crisis, we know that Florida families will shoulder our share of the national debt burden. Every new dollar spent on expansion to cover able-bodied adults means less money for our children’s education and public safety, or higher taxes to foot the bill. We believe that what we do today has consequences for tomorrow.

But there is yet another reason why the House opposes Medicaid expansion, and it’s

because we believe we can do better for the people we serve.

Some say that expanding Medicaid is the compassionate thing to do. We say there’s no compassion in offering substandard care to Florida’s most vulnerable citizens and saddling our children and grandchildren with unsustainable debt.

That is why the Florida House opposes expanding Medicaid and Obamacare, and that is why I am proud to stand with them on this issue.

ONE PERSON’S OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor

Justice or no peace this is the cry of the black and white youths who really do not

understand what is happening, they follow the lead of the thugs or “professional protesters” paid for by whom?

We integrated the schools and some took advantage of the education and others held everyone else back with their disruptive behavior. They have always said the squeaky wheel gets the oil. What is the reason the jails and prisons have so many blacks, because they commit the most crimes?

Tell me something what would you do if you were in a confrontation with a youth and he spit in your face? I know what I would do and it probably wouldn’t be pretty but yet when this happens to a Policeman he is expected to have no response. He has to respect the thug who’s every other words are mf this and that. They do spit at them and throw rocks not stones, bottles anything they get their hands on. They listen to the likes of Al Sharpton, President Obama’s right hand man, he has been to the White House probably more times than the President. He uses extortion to get what he wants, do it or else. The youth of today are taught not to respect the police so yes they should be afraid of them. Sooner or later everyone gets tired of turning the other cheek.

Yes it was unnecessary for Mr. Gray to die and we will never know exactly how it happened, but you have 6 Police Officers being charged with his death. Really? Mr Gray was not the innocent man they tell everyone he was, he had a rap sheet but no one will ever see it. Parents always think their child was an angel after he is dead.

I for one do not think we should have to pay to rebuild what these thugs tore and burned down. Take these youths and make them rebuild and find their parents and if they are on welfare discontinue it. They should have to pay for what they did same as the Police Officers, right?

One last thing the Mayor should be fired, she should have been fired the next day. She has now empowered herself with the State Attorney and the United States new black Attorney and above all Al Sharpton. Could it be that if she is fired they might burn the rest of Baltimore?

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CRIME RATE LOWEST IN HISTORY

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement released their crime statistics for 2014 on Wednesday, May 20th, showing that the number of index crime offenses (murder, forcible sex offenses, burglary, etc.) within the jurisdiction of the Marion County Sheriff's Office has decreased by 4.1% during the past year. Since Sheriff Chris Blair took office in 2012, the MCSO's index crime offenses have decreased by 8.9% to the lowest crime rate in the history of the agency.

Here's a breakdown of the key crime/numbers that have decreased at the Sheriff's Office from 2012-2014 under Sheriff Blair's leadership:

Index Crime Offenses -8.9%, Murder -14.2%, Forcible Rape -21.3%, Aggravated Assault -16.3%, Burglary -14.8%, Larceny -4.2%

According to the FDLE, the MCSO has the 17th lowest crime rate out of the 67 Sheriff's Offices in the state of Florida. The MCSO's 4.1% crime rate decrease does not include the cities of Ocala, Dunnellon or Belleview.

FDLE also released statewide crime clearance rates on Wednesday (the clearance rate measures the amount of crimes solved by

law enforcement). According to the FDLE, the MCSO had a 53.6% clearance rate for 2014, the sixth highest clearance rate among Florida's 67 Sheriff's Offices. That's more than double the state average of 26.1%. This means that citizens within the MCSO's jurisdiction are more than twice as likely to have their crimes solved compared to citizens in other counties in Florida. For Sheriff Blair, our 8.9% crime rate decrease shows the hard work that he and his dedicated employees have done to make sure Marion County is a safer place to live. "Over the past two years, we have changed our game plan on how we solve crime in Marion County," said Sheriff Chris Blair. I created our Crime Suppression Unit, which specifically targets major crimes and takes wanted offenders off the streets quicker. Placing these repeat offenders in jail frees up our deputies to handle other calls for service. I have also increased our crime prevention awareness presence to help better educate our public about crimes in their areas. Additionally, we have reached thousands of citizens through our Citizen's Academy Partnership program, Town Hall Meetings and social media interactions that have allowed our agency to be more transparent and provide an outlet for citizens to engage in dialogue with us so we can more proactively fight crime. I believe our 8.9% decrease in crime is due to these cumulative proactive measures we are taking and I am proud to say to our citizens that they are safer now than they were two years ago. This would not have been possible with-



Ocala Police Chief Greg Graham was the guest speaker at the Ocala Business Leaders. He talked about local Law enforcement and the things they are doing to make Ocala a better place to live. The Chief gave the Ocala Business Leaders some insight on problems Law Enforcement Officers are faced with.

out the incredible service of the men and women at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. They believe in the mission of solving crimes and bringing justice to our citizens and these numbers reflect their dedication to their work and the citizens they proudly serve every day."

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Tom Loury

PUBLISHER'S NOTES



President Obama said "The police departments need to do real soul searching." Sounds like that came right out of the mouth of his advisor Rev Al Sharpton. The President's job is to see that the laws are

upheld, not to organize the blacks against the police. I would say the president is a true

organizer. The Obamas have failed to make things better for the minorities so now they are blaming it on the police. Giving minorities a chance to buy houses for no money down and low monthly payments failed. There were millions of repositions, which means the minorities had to move back into the environment that they had come out of. That would make anyone hostile but to direct it at people that had nothing to do with it is ridiculous.

The president has obviously failed us. The others that have failed us in Baltimore

is the Mayor, the State's Attorney, the Police Chief, City Council, etc. If the police were not doing a good job, the State's Attorney and the Mayor should have fixed the problem, they had the power to do so. But it is easier to blame someone else than to take action to fix something. The following is the rest of the story.

What is wrong with this picture?

Baltimore population is 68 % black

Police department is 68 % black

Fire department is 58% black;

School district is 86% black

School teachers are 72% black;

City council is 90% black;

Mayor is a black, The State's Attorney is black, Chief of police is black;

54% of population is on welfare; and they believe the whites are the reason they are living in poverty!

I wonder who is telling them that?

What you may not know about the story! The late Freddie Gray of Baltimore:

Freddie Gray had a pre-existing spinal and neck injury. Gray had severe nerve damage and scar tissue from an auto accident that Allstate Insurance was paying him for. Gray had several unsuccessful spinal fusion

surgeries in the past 4 years. A recent spinal/cervical operation was a week and a half before he was arrested on April 12. He was under doctor's orders to remain home and in bed to speed his recovery from that major operation. Instead, Gray was out on the streets of Baltimore, and strenuously resisting arrest. Gray had a long criminal history. (Checked out by snopes)

All speech is free, but some are freer than others! Think about that!

On the local side:

After a Candidate runs on issues like "NO NEW TAXES" they don't always do what they say they are going to do - sometimes there are good reasons. Things change every day, conditions, and situations. If you promised your son a boat ride and after you got started the boat sprang a leak, would you continue? Conditions change. It is what the politician does and how they react to problems from day to day. If they stand for what they campaigned on no matter what the boat could sink, so how they weigh the problem and react to it matters. If things change while they are in office politicians may need to change their view then explain explain explain, and proceed to fix the problem.

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Take a Look at What Ocala/Marion County Has Accomplished!

What a great time to live in Ocala and Marion County! There are so many incredible things going on in our community.

In the busyness of work and life, we sometimes miss the good news about our community. This month, I would like to highlight some of the really incredible news and announcements of recent days:

Among the Fastest Growing Economies

Over the last 24 months, the economy of the Ocala MSA (Marion County) has grown 1/3 faster than the national average. Additionally, according to a report prepared for the US Conference of Mayors, the area is predicted to be one of the 40 fastest-growing economies in 2015.

Leading Florida is Job Growth

The Ocala MSA has been the leader over the last year in job growth. Our job growth rate was approximately 50% higher than the Florida average. The local economy added jobs in nearly every category. The Ocala

MSA was #1 in the growth of health care and education jobs and #2 in manufacturing jobs. These numbers align with a report from Forbes a couple of years ago which predicted the Ocala MSA would be the national leader in job growth.

Most Challenging High Schools List

All seven of Marion County's main stream high schools were included in the Washington Post's most recent list of Most Challenging High Schools. This list identifies approximately the top 10% of high schools based on the number of college-level exams taken by students and then the number of tests at each school was divided by the number of graduating seniors. Consider for a moment that ALL SEVEN of our high schools made the list. Incredible!!!

CSX Select Site

Recently, CSX announced they had certified an 86-acre site at the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park as a CSX Select Site. This made Ocala and Marion County as the home to the first CSX Select Site in Florida and one of a handful of Select Sites in the Eastern US. This significant designation tells any major rail user that CSX has determined that they can serve most any company's rail needs at this location.

Partner Trade Grant

The CEP was recently awarded a \$7,500 grant to assist with the planned trade mission to Newbridge, Ireland. Planned for the fall, this trip is focused on encouraging export opportunities and business partnerships with businesses in Ocala's twinning city. Additionally, Newbridge and Ireland offer a great entry point into the European Union. The grant will be used to help fund Gold Key Matching Services for participating businesses. The Gold Key program is a US Department of Commerce initiative which provides qualified appointments for our businesses.

A growing economy with jobs being created, challenging schools, nationally-recognized sites and grant funds to assist existing

businesses are just a few of the incredible things happening in our community. At the CEP, we are committed to continuing to do our part to maintain the momentum and keep our community Moving Forward!

Quotes from above:

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Protect Florida Vets

AHCA Secretary Liz Dudek:

"Time and time again, we fought to gain information from federal officials so that we better protect Florida veterans. While it was unfortunate we were forced to take legal action, it's clear that Washington got the message, and now the State of Florida will have more tools to protect our heroes at federal VA facilities."

May 13, 2015

Secretary Robert McDonald

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

810 Vermont Avenue Northwest

Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary McDonald:

Thank you for your letter on May 4, 2015 regarding our March 18, 2015 telephone conversation discussing the ongoing issues between Florida and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

With 1.5 million veterans that call Florida home, we are committed to being the most veteran-friendly state in the nation – and reports of deaths, neglect, poor conditions and a secret waiting list in federal VA hospitals in Florida are unacceptable. Transparency

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Select Business Associates

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Bike culture The Decision to Press Further

After arriving in Copenhagen and settling into my kollegium (Danish style dormitory) and meeting my roommate and other students in my program, things were settling in well and classes began. Copenhagen is famous for being one of the most bike friendly cities in the world, so it wasn't long before I had my own bike, rented for the duration of my stay. Part of our student package included a transportation pass for the bus, metro, and S-tog (pronounced S- tow, which translates to “S-Train”) All of these systems were a million more times convenient, efficient, and popular than what I was used to in America, but to really experience the city, you need a bike. Plus a bike was still the preferred method of travel for most of the in-

habitants of Copenhagen (more than 50% of travel in Copenhagen is done by bicycle).

In Copenhagen, the transportation infrastructure is designed to highly favor bike traffic over vehicles, and city busses over personal cars. So for example, there are several roads, once you get into the heart of the city, in which only busses and bikes can travel down, no personal cars. Also, all of the main roads have bike lanes, to a caliber that are unrivaled to any I had experienced in America. Complete with their own traffic lights, turn lanes, and resting bars to lean against at stop lights, as to save one from dismounting their bike. The traffic light and flow patterns were designed so that if you are riding your bike at a speed of 12 kilometers an hour (about 7.5 mph, and on certain roads) you will actually sync up with

the lights to get continuous greens lights. And ultimately, this means less stopping in traffic and shorter commute time than if you were driving a car. Not to mention the taxes on purchasing a car (as told by one of my Danish professors) is 120% of the cars cost. Once insurance is factored in the extra costs total 200% of the price of the car. With costs like that coupled with the convenience of bicycling, it's rare that anyone living in the city has a car (29% car ownership rate). This “convenience” also provides all the health benefits of exercising and less traffic congestion and carbon footprint.

There was much exploring and learning to be done about the city. Denmark places a lot of priority on green design, environmentalism, human happiness, and a high level of “livability”. A fun example would be that in the heart of Copenhagen there are trampolines built into the sidewalks, up to about 6 in a row. They are designed to encourage spontaneous play. If you sit on a bench near them you will see them not only used by children. You can catch businessmen in suits heading to lunch, college age young adults, children, and senior citizen travelers visiting from other countries. Small things like this are at the core of what makes Denmark unique and just a bit whimsical and equally outrageous to my own American experience. At the same time, it is an incredibly safe city. There were many times that I would just walk around the city late at night, all by myself. This was not an outrageous thing to do either. Even here in America at my university, there are signs posted all over cam-



pus telling me to, “Be Safe, don't walk alone at night!” -this breaks my heart, for various reasons. There is a joke in Copenhagen, basically saying that if a crime is committed against you, you can only be a bicycle, as bicycle theft is the only crime anyone really worries about.

All of my other American student peers were from all over the country. I made friends from schools such as University of Kansas, Michigan, Arkansas, UC Santa Barbara, etc. But no matter where we were from and our vast array of life experiences we were all taken aback by the simultaneous whimsical and practical nature of the city and its people. We were all smitten. We were also

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“Not All Who Wander Are Lost”

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all strangers and so this made it very easy for us to bond quickly, as there were no pre-existing cliques. And boy did I meet some awesome people. Although, I was about four years older than a lot of my contemporaries, this age difference wasn't enough to make our lives too far removed from each other. In fact, I was able to meet a handful of people I will probably keep in touch with for a very long time, especially with the help of mediums like facebook.

I became close with several young women in particular. As providence would have it, my randomly selected roommate and I became very close. And when a major and entirely unexpected tragedy struck me, the death of a very dear friend back home, she was there for me above and beyond what could be asked of a stranger. She had a heart

of gold. So much so that she spent the previous summer in Cambodia working in the red light districts with Christian missionaries, fighting against the sex trade. Even though she was barely 21 years old, she was an inspiration to me and as I found out later, to many others in our program as well. Her heart was so on fire for Jesus and being the type of person God would hope someone could be while at the same time not being pretentious at all about it AND a lot of fun to be around. She was also an adventurer. After classes ended she was planning to meet with her sister and another friend and go traveling around Europe and do volunteer work in hostels in exchange for free room and board for the next four months. It was organized through a website called HelpX.net, almost like a traveling volunteer's version of craigslist. “How exciting and brave!” I thought!

Each day the “brevity of life” and what was to be done with it consumed my thoughts. Until eventually, after two months of watching my roommates' travel plans for the fall come together before my eyes, I one day had an epiphany that I was going to do the same. Except that I was going to do it alone. For what seemed like the first time in my life I was going to do something (that may have seemed to others completely crazy) entirely alone. I decided that I to was going to go traveling, playing it by ear, for a month around Europe. It ended up growing (as all good plans should) into four months. Never planning where I would be more than three weeks in advance.

So I signed up for HelpX, two weeks before classes were going to end, chose the small search area of “ALL OF EUROPE” and began to search for some place beautiful that sounded like it had fun work to do. The first place I found was a gorgeous finca

(small farm) in Spain, with a river running through it, hills and forests surrounding it, with some horses, cows, a donkey, chickens, and a Border Collie name Xuco (shoe-ko) who became my hiking partner. It also had a nearly 500 year old working iron and grain mill, both still operational. The work to do was to tutor a woman in her early 30's in English. In exchange my meals and housing would all be provided for. I figured, “hey, I know English and my grammar is decent enough to give guidance.” But most of all, the pictures with her ad were beautiful. So we got in touch and it was arranged that she would pick me up at the airport once classes ended. But in the meantime I was able to go on a final class trip to Edinburgh and Glasgow Scotland where we explored so many castles! Castles on every corner, more castles that America has Starbucks we joked! Myself and two of my girlfriends even made friends with some high school age guys who were celebrating their version of prom (a Kaylee) in their formal kilts and whole family based traditional regalia and they tried to teach us to dance with them in traditional style!

Protect Florida Vets

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and accountability are critical to supporting our veterans. It is no secret that our veterans who have served with honor and distinction were not receiving the proper care they deserved, and when Florida offered support and assistance - our efforts were rebuffed.

This problem arose last spring when national media reports documented the poor treatment of veterans at federal hospitals in the Sunshine VISN, a federal region including Florida and other states. Reports said the treatment of veterans was so neglectful that veterans sustained injuries and tragically lost their lives. These issues were also made visible through the hard work of Florida Congressman Jeff Miller, who shed a light on the conditions plaguing federal VA facilities - and we are appreciative of Congressman Miller's efforts to protect our veterans and hold the federal government accountable.

We cannot allow our heroes to suffer at the hands of neglect and incompetence ever again. I appreciate your willingness to follow through on Florida's requests to provide our Agency for Health Care Administration with audit reports detailing facilities' activities and to take action on our requests for information.

We have said for some time that Veterans' Affairs was not taking our requests for information seriously, and your commitment demonstrates a fundamental shift from how the federal department previously operated. It is imperative, however, that the VA follow through on its commitments; no doubt greater transparency and accountability will benefit our veterans.

Thank you for your immediate attention to these matters and I look forward to your action on these issues.

Sincerely,
Rick Scott Governor



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SENIOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MOVIES FOR JUNE 2015

8TH AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH AND 10TH, 2015 AT 1:30 PM BARBARA G. WASHINGTON – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH AND 12TH, 2015 AT 1:00 PM “PAUL BLART: MALL COP” STARRING: KEVIN JAMES, JAYMA MAYS, KERR O’DONNELL

A single, suburban dad tries to make ends meet as a security officer at a New Jersey mall. It’s a job he takes very seriously, though no one else does. When Santa’s helpers at the mall stage a coup, shutting down the megaplex and taking hostages (Paul’s daughter and sweetheart among them), Jersey’s most formidable mall cop will have to become a real cop to save the day. RATED PG

8TH AVENUE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD AND 24TH, 2015 AT 1:30 PM

BARBARA G WASHINGTON – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH AND 26TH, 2015 AT 1:00 PM

“INTO THE WOODS” STARRING: JAMES CORDEN, EMILY BLUNT, MERYL STREEP, JOHNNY DEPP AND ANNA KENDRICK

This all-star cast tells the magical story about a couple desperate to have a child who embark on a perilous journey into the Woods to lift an evil witch’s curse. On their journey

they encounter, Jack, Red Riding Hood, and Cinderella who are on their own quests to make their wishes come true. RATED PG

Reservations must be made at the Center of your choice. Seating is limited to 8 persons per video. Please call the 8th Avenue Center at 629-8545 or Barbara G. Washington Center at 629-8357 to reserve your seat.

COMING EVENTS FOR JUNE 2015

SENIOR TRIP: EARLY BIRD DINER THEATRE (GREATER TUNA)

When: Thursday, June 25th, 2015

Where: Clearwater, Florida

Cost: \$60.00 per person (includes Transportation, Meal and Admission)

Time: Leave 8th Ave. at 8:30 AM Return 6:00 PM

What: Come for a comfortable bus ride and enjoy a buffet lunch and a beautiful show at the Early Bird Theatre. It all started when Delores, an unhappy housewife, and George a shoe salesman, met at Shoe Fantasy and it was love at first shoe-fitting. The only thing standing in the way was Dolores doting but half-witted husband. Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited to 45 persons. For more information, please call Grace at 629-8357.

MAXIMIZE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

When: Saturday, June 20th, 2015

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Where: 8th Avenue Senior Center, 830

NE 8th Avenue, Ocala

What: A financial education program provided by Community Outreach for Financial Education will be offered monthly. This month’s focus is Social Security Benefits. Deciding when and how to take your benefits can be confusing. We can show you how to maximize your benefit.

AQUASIZE: WATER AEROBICS FOR ADULTS

When: Thursdays, June 4th – June 25th, July 9th – July 30th, August 6th – August 27th, 2015

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Cost: \$15.00 per participant for 4 sessions

Where: Hampton Aquatic Fun Center, 255 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ocala

What: Class activities include: stretching, cardio, toning, strength training and

abdominal workouts. Buoyancy equipment is used. Modifications will be demonstrated for all fitness levels. Ages 18 and up. For more information, please call Diane at 401-3916.

AQUABILITY

When: Wednesdays, June 3rd – June 24th, July 8th – July 29th, August 5th- 26th 2015 Mondays, August 3rd- August 24th, 2015 Tuesdays, August 4th- 25th, 2015

Time: Mondays & Wednesdays, 5:00 -6:00 PM OR 6:00-7:00 PM Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 PM only

Cost: \$25.00 per person for 4 week session

Where: Hampton Aquatic Fun Center, 255 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ocala

What: An Adaptive Aquatic Program for individuals with Disabilities of all Ages For more information and registration, please call Diane at 352-401-3916.

Governor Rick Scott

FROM THE GOVERNOR’S DESK

Lifting the Cuban Embargo will Hurt Florida Agriculture

Governor Scott said, “Agriculture is a vital part of our economy in Florida, and lifting the embargo on Cuba could do irreparable harm to it. Importing agricultural products from Cuba could drive down demand for Florida products, open our crops up to invasive pests and species, and give

the Castro regime leverage to continue the suppression of their people. Florida agriculture has over a \$100 billion impact on our state, and President Obama should be doing everything he can to support it. Sadly, he continues to stand side by side with the Castro regime. I will continue to oppose lifting the embargo, and fight for Florida families, farmers, and our agriculture industry.”



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Governor Rick Scott

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK

Gov. Scott: Ending LIP Funds is Disappointing Political Power Play by Obama Administration

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Governor Rick Scott released the following statement following meetings with members of the Florida Congressional Delegation to update them on Florida's battle to get the Obama Administration to reconsider canceling the Low Income Pool program in Florida and ask for their help to tell the federal government they cannot coerce Florida into expanding Obamacare.

Governor Scott said, "Let there be no doubt, the Obama Administration's end to the LIP program in states is the new battle-front in states' fight against federal over-reach. They want us to take on more of Obamacare. They want us to adopt their policy the way they want us to – or else. This is the Sopranos.

"I am very grateful that U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton agreed to hold a hearing on the Obama Administration's end to the Low Income Pool Program in Florida in an attempt to coerce us into expanding Obamacare. The committee's hearing will bring much-needed attention to the Obama Administration's disappointing political power play at the expense of the healthcare of low-income

families in our state.

"Every day that passes without the Obama Administration reversing course and continuing the Low Income Pool funding in Florida is just more proof that this absolutely is coercion. They will withhold these funds until we do exactly what they say. That is why Kansas and Texas are joining our lawsuit. They are worried about the same coercion tactics going on in their states.

"I met with members of the Florida Delegation today because we need their help. We need their help telling the federal government they cannot coerce Florida into expanding Obamacare.

"This is the same thing President Obama does with his executive orders. But, this time the Obama Administration has gone too far. When they sent Florida a letter – in writing – saying that Low Income Pool funding was 'linked' to Medicaid 'coverage' in Florida, they directly violated the Supreme Court's decision in *NFIB v. Sebelius*. The Court said the Obama Administration could not use 'gun to the head' tactics of withholding funding to force states into Obamacare.

"The Obama Administration is putting their own quest for power above the healthcare needs of low-income families in Florida and that is wrong – on every level."

Silvero Announces Candidacy

EVELIO SILVERA ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MARION COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

OCALA, FL (5/14/15) – Today, Republican, Evelio L. Silvera announced his candidacy for County Commission District 3. Evelio's personal experience has uniquely equipped him to serve in elected office. The son of Cuban immigrants he understands first-hand how an intrusive government can squelch liberty and opportunity for individuals, families and businesses. Silvera believes in offering a pro-active and positive vision for the future of Marion County.

"My agenda is clear and focused on 3 key things. First, we must prioritize our budget and focus on the most important objective of government; and that is Public Safety. Second, if we are going to thrive and grow as a community we must commit to investing in our infrastructure and roads by anticipating growth; not merely reacting to it. And third, county government should create a consis-

tent and predictable business environment when it comes to regulations and taxes. Eliminating burdensome regulations and keeping taxes low allows all business, small and large to create jobs, grow and succeed," stated Silvera.

Evelio pledges to look at every department of county government and every line of the budget and ask two critical questions: "First, if we were not doing this already, how would we do it? And second, and more importantly, should we be doing it? Marion County is positioned at the commerce cross-roads of Florida. We deserve solutions-focused leaders on our commission. I believe Marion County can be known as a place of unbridled opportunity," stated Silvera.

You can view Evelio's full campaign announcement via video at <http://www.VoteSilvera.com>. For a full bio, high-resolution photos and announcement video transcript please visit www.votesilvera.com/media.



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