

CAROLE JEAN JORDAN, TAX COLLECTOR, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY ANNOUNCES A FOOD DRIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH RED NOSE DAY CAMPAIGN

Vero Beach, FL – Today Carole Jean Jordan, Tax Collector, Indian River County announced her office's creation of a food drive in supporting the Red Nose Day initiative. The food drive will begin May 21st and conclude on May 25th. National Red Nose Day, which seeks to bring awareness to child poverty, will occur for the 4th time on May 24th.

All non-perishable food collected at Jordan's Tax Collector office locations will be donated to the Treasure Coast Food Bank, a member of Feeding America and a Red Nose Day partner since inception. Canned and non-perishable food can be dropped off at any of our three locations between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (May 21st to May 25th), and at our Main location on Tuesday, May 22nd, until 7 p.m.

Our office locations are:

Main – 1800 27th St. Building B, County Administration Complex, Vero Beach

West - 1860 82nd Ave, Suite 102, Vero Beach

Sebastian – 11610 US Highway 1, Sebastian

Come by on May 24th to drop off your donations and celebrate Red Nose Day with us!



The idyllic summer should be carefree – and hunger-free. But that's not always the case for kids who rely on the school cafeteria for meals.

Treasure Coast Food Bank wants to ensure that kids won't have to worry about getting a meal because school's out for summer. The Food Bank is recruiting partners who want to help by participating in its Summer Meals program to ensure that students whose families don't always have enough food are able to eat nutritious meals all summer.

The Summer Meals program provides meals to youth 18 years and younger at no cost to them. Treasure Coast Food Bank partners with churches, community centers, youth development organizations, and other agencies that can offer a place to feed the kids.

Treasure Coast Food Bank prepares each meal daily throughout the summer. The meals typically include fresh-made sandwiches and wraps, hand-made salads, and fresh cut fruits and veggies. The program will run every week day from May 29 to August 10. Meal times vary depending on the location. The program also is available to organizations that run programs for limited times, such as Vacation Bible School programs.

“Our goal is not only to provide nutritious food but to ensure the children in our community have a worry-free summer and enjoy summer vacation the way it's meant to be,” said Treasure Coast Food Bank President and CEO Judith Cruz.

More than 50,000 students are eligible for free meals from local school districts on the Treasure Coast. Only about 6 percent participate in a Summer Meals program. Treasure Coast Food Bank has set a goal of once again providing 30 sites for Summer Meals.

To learn more, please visit <https://stophunger.org/sfsp>.



INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE

INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE NAMED TOP TEN NATIONAL FINALIST FOR 2019 ASPEN PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE

FORT PIERCE, FL— Indian River State College (IRSC) was named today as a top-ten national finalist for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation’s signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America’s community colleges. This marks the third time IRSC has been selected as a top ten finalist. In 2017, the College advanced to the Aspen Prize Top 3 as a Finalist with Distinction.

“**The** selection of Indian River State College as a three-time Aspen Prize Top 10 Community College is a tremendous honor recognizing the exceptional commitment to student success and results achieved by our college’s faculty, staff and administration,” said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President “Advancing to the final round of this competition for the third consecutive time brings increased national attention to our college and community, and more importantly, validates our drive to continuously improve for our students. IRSC’s sustained excellence is a credit to our people — students, employees, and community partners — who strive every day to be the best college in America. This honor is truly theirs.”

IRSC was selected from more than 1,000 state and community colleges following a rigorous review of data, strategies and outcomes related to student learning, degree and certificate completion, high rates of graduate employment, earnings for graduates, and exceptional access and success for minority and low-income students.

“**With** the nearest alternatives at least 60 miles away, Indian River State College is the only public higher education option for many of its students, and it delivers what they need whether their immediate goal is workforce preparation or earning a bachelor’s degree,” said Joshua Wyner, Executive Director of the Aspen

Institute’s College Excellence Program in Washington, D.C. “IRSC has achieved strong results by engaging in scaled reforms in multiple areas – from training everyone on customer service to ensuring that graduates have the skills they need for a job and have a clear map of the courses that they need to get to their chosen career. The College’s consistent drive to improve translates into what matters most: strong and improving levels of student success.”

According to the Aspen Institute, Indian River State College stands out as one of the nation’s top community colleges for many reasons, including:

- Impressive three-year graduation/transfer rates for all students (49 percent as compared to 40 percent nationally).
- IRSC offers 17 bachelor’s degrees in its world-class facilities, all aligned to high-demand jobs in the region.

Exemplary work in developing clear programs of study that help students successfully complete classes and graduate, strengthened by intensive advising, progress tracking, and early interventions that keep students on track all the way to graduation. Additional factors underscore IRSC’s commitment to student success:

- During the 2017-2018 academic year, IRSC’s graduating class—3,951 students—was the largest in the College’s 58-year history;
- 94% of IRSC graduates find employment or continue their education, typically earning more than twice the average entry wage in the four-county area; and

IRSC is designated as the 3rd Most Affordable College in the U.S. by the Department of Education, with no tuition increase in six years.

PLEASE HELP FILL A BOX...

MAY - JUNE 2018

Tuna



Peanut
Butter



Cereal

Canned
Veggies



Jelly



Soup

WHITE GLOVE MOVING
FOOD DRIVE

*all non-perishables
welcome*



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK EVENT



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY
VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

SUNDAY MAY 20, 2018
NOON - 4:00 PM

at
CAPT HIRAMS RESORT
LIONFISH FESTIVAL
1580 US Highway 1, Sebastian, Florida

Get ready for a fun and safe summer boating season with a free courtesy

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Vero Beach/Sebastian, Florida





ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER OFFERS STEAM-ORIENTED SUMMER CAMPS

How will your children and grandchildren keep active and engaged this summer? The environmental education team at the Environmental Learning Center has just the answer for you: fun and yet challenging summer camps that emphasize STEAM (standing for “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics”). June and July are just around the corner, and registration is already underway.

The always-loved activities such as pond dip-netting, canoeing, mangrove forest exploration, and pontoon boat trips to uninhabited lagoon islands, will be offered. In addition, there will be other enhancements and eco-adventures to spark the imagination and install a sense of love for the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem. Younger campers will experience the new Nature Playscape area on campus, including building projects using materials found in nature as well as fossil dig activities. For older campers, added this year will be an experience called Imagineering STEAM. Professional scientists will guide this outstanding new program.

All will take place in age-defined groups: the Little Wonders program for 4-year olds entering pre-K in the fall; Young Explorers, for those entering kindergarten and 1st grade; Our Living World for 2nd and 3rd graders; Week on the Water I (4th and 5th grades) and Week on the Water II (6th to 8th grades); Island Adventure (4th and 5th graders) and Marine Safari (6th – 8th graders).

For complete details, please visit the website at www.discoverelc.org.

“This summer, we offer different summer programs that provide opportunities for exciting challenges and fun games! During the camp, interaction with peers and being outdoors in nature provide an excellent opportunity for children to take initiative, exercise their autonomy, and develop leadership, problem-solving, and social skills, which often builds self-esteem. We see a lot of growth and maturing in ELC campers,” says Maryam Ghadiri, ELC Research & Education Director.

Scholarships are available for those who qualify through the ELC’s Maggy Bowman Fund. There is also a discount for ELC members, making this a good time to become a member. For full details about the camp programs and fees, to register, and to learn about scholarship opportunities, please visit the ELC website at www.discoverelc.org.



25th ANNIVERSARY

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2018 Blue Water Open Offshore Charity Fishing Tournament

**Captain's Meeting and Party June 1st, 5 - 8pm
Tournament June 2nd 2018**

*For More Information Contact
Tournament Chair*

**Eva Chapman 772-783-5822 or
Co-Chair**

Michael Natale 772-664-0525

Visit our web site

www.bluewateropen.com

**Tournament Headquarters
and Sponsor**



Capt Hiram's
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**1606 Indian River Drive, Sebastian FL 32958
772-589-4345**

There are blocks of rooms available under "BW18"



Mulligan's 12 weeks of summer!

We Still Have Four Spaces Available!

**Charities that already have a week CAN sign up for a 2nd night!

We have been doing our 12 weeks of summer program for about 6 years now raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities between our now 7 locations.

12 Weeks of summer program is more than your normal profit sharing restaurant night. Thursday nights are already kids night with kids eat free and balloons so we draw a lot of families. By combining 12 weeks with kids night I feel we not only have a great time and raise money we also make families & children in the community aware of great organizations such as yourself and we also teach children the importance of giving and caring.

If you are a part of 12 weeks of summer, you are required to have 2 volunteers on the date selected from 5pm-8pm, those volunteers are there to talk about the organization and raise even more funds by taking donations or doing fun raffles, 50/50 raffles are easy and work great at these events. Another thing that is different on our event from regular restaurant nights is that we give you 10% of the TOTAL sales from 5pm-8pm for that night, does not matter if the customers know about the fundraiser or not and they don't have to show us a flyer or any of that. We just simply give you 10% of our sales.

We also have fun themes for each night with kids giveaways & crafts along with a fun balloon artist!

If you would like to participate, we have the following locations & dates available:

SEBASTIAN LOCATION - JUNE 7TH, SUPERHERO THEME

LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA LOCATION - JULY 5TH, PIRATE PARTY

LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA LOCATION - AUGUST 2ND, SAFARI

SINGER ISLAND LOCATION - JULY 5TH, PIRATE PARTY

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Have a Great Day!

**Mary Hoertz, Vice President
Mulligan's Beach House**

★ Sebastian's 2018 4th of July Celebration

Sebastian's Freedom Festival

Wednesday, July 4th
Riverview Park

Opening Ceremonies

at the Flagpole in

Riverview Park 8:00 AM

Parade 8:30 AM

Fireworks after Sunset

Vendors, Live Entertainment,

Food, Crafts & More...All Day Long!

BANDS:

11:00 - 1:00 Riptide

2:00 - 5:00 The Daddy Wags Band

6:00 - 8:00 The Bobby Owen Band

OUR CONTRIBUTORS



**JUNE
9th**



**—INDIAN RIVER COUNTY—
HURRICANE
EXPO** 2018



Featuring:
Chief Meteorologist,
Mike Lyons

Join us for the 15th Annual Hurricane Expo at Indian River Mall, on Saturday, June 9th from 10am-2pm. Local businesses and organizations will be onsite, for this hands-on, interactive and informational FREE event aimed towards helping educate the local community about the importance of preparation and planning for Hurricane season.

If you would like to register as a vendor or need more information, please contact Elaine McNeal at The Salvation Army at 772-978-0265 Ext 104 or elaine.mcneal@uss.salvationarmy.org

Located at 6200 20th Street, Vero Beach FL 32966

**Learn what's in store
for the 2018 storm season!**

Regularly Scheduled Networking Events

Every Wednesday: Exchange Club of Sebastian meets at noon at Capt. Hiram's

2nd Thursday of each month: Sebastian Area Women in Business meets at 8am at Captain Hiram's. Breakfast is available for purchase. All business women are welcome to join us. Meet other women in business and enjoy interesting presentations and lively conversations!

The Rotary Club of Sebastian meets every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at Vic's Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant. The 1st Thursday is our business meeting and the rest of the months meetings have speakers. Guest are welcome to see what Rotary is all about and listen to a speaker. Lunch is \$15 if you choose to eat. Come join us if you are interested in joining the club. We have many projects and fund-raisers for members to help our community. <http://www.sebastianrotary.com/> 772-581-3199

Employment Opportunities

Is your organization seeking employees? Send your information to info@sebastianchamber.com and we'll post it on our jobs board. To see all job listings [click here](#)