The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:

Hi, everyone!

Rachel DesRosier, our Event & Marketing Coordinator, will be leaving Manatee Village Historical Park in mid-September.

Although we're sad to see her go we are all excited to see what awesome things she accomplishes with her new employer!

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me. You can contact me directly at **allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com.**

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education & Volunteer Coordinator

Image: Rachel DesRosier filming for a digital event, 2020

Important Updates

Image Courtesy of Manatee Village Historical Park Collection

Image: Wiggins Store

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Monday, September 6th

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Thursday, September 16th

As of 9/1/2021 the following notice is still in effect:

COVID UPDATE

As part of the Historical Resources Department of the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court, we follow all court directives at our site:

NOTICE

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PERSONS
ENTERING THE BUILDING
AND
IN PUBLIC AREAS WITHIN THE BUILDING

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-15a.2,
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this update please contact the Education & Volunteer Coordinator at allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com or by calling the office at 941-749-7165.

Volunteer Spotlight

THANK YOU to Volunteer Paul T.!

Paul is one of our multi-tasking volunteers! He spends his time as a Village Monitor, helping our Maintenance Technician with various projects on the grounds, and he is also conducting research on artifacts in the Fogarty Boat Works.

Thank you, Paul!

Your hard work and dedication to this research project has helped preserve a piece of Manatee history for others to enjoy and learn from!

Image: Settler map created by Volunteer Marguerite P. put on display with Volunteer Paul's help, 2021

Gail's Summer Adventure

Gail C., one of your fellow volunteers, has been spending her summer volunteering out at the Wyoming Historical Territorial Prison. Gail gives prison tours to visitors.

Click **HERE** to learn more about the prison.

Below are a couple of pictures Gail wanted to share with all of you.

Photos Courtesy of Gail C., 2021

A fun fact from Gail:

Gail is related to Bertha Curry! Bertha was Gail's aunt and also the first woman in Manatee County to register to vote.

Click **HERE** to see a historic photograph of Bertha Curry.

Bertha Curry was also featured in our digital video *Early Settlers of Manatee County*.

Click **HERE** to watch the video.

Volunteer Opportunities

You can now volunteer onsite at Manatee Village Historical Park!

See the Education & Volunteer Coordinator for more details.

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Cemetery Cleanup of the Manatee Burying Ground

The cemetery cleanup season is upon us! Join us September 23rd, 24th, or 25th in the Manatee Burying Ground. Learn how to properly clean historic gravestones and help us preserve Manatee County's history!

Can't make it to one of the September cleanups? We will have other cleanups in November, January, February, March, April, and May. All cemetery cleanup information and links to sign up to participate will be featured in the volunteer newsletter and *The Cabbage Head Gazette* newsletter.

Click HERE to be taken to the September cleanup on Signup Genius.

Unable to access the link? Contact us directly at 941-749-7165.

Image: Volunteers at a Manatee Burying Ground cleanup in Spring 2021

Call For Volunteer News

Have you recently learned a fun history fact? Have you started a new hobby? Got a recipe you'd like to share? A new addition to your family? Have you celebrated a milestone?

We'd love to feature your news in the newsletter!

Send in any fun facts, hobbies, recipes, pictures, and any other information you'd like to share with your fellow volunteers and staff.

You can email your news to allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com or call 941-749-7165.