



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from Manatee Village Historical Park:



Image Courtesy of Manatee Village Historical Park Collection

Hi all,

It is almost summer! I hope you enjoy this issue of the volunteer newsletter.

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

Best wishes,

Allyson O'Leary

Education & Volunteer Coordinator

Important Updates



HISTORICAL MARKERS

The historical markers outside each of Manatee Village's buildings have been cleaned and re-painted.

Be sure to check them out next time you're onsite!

WELCOME, DENNIS!

Dennis K. is a brand new volunteer! He works as a Wiggins Store Greeter on Thursday mornings. If you're in for a visit, stop by and say hi.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, May 28th through Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

No need to show up for any volunteer shifts on those days. Enjoy the long weekend!

GIFT SHOP CLOSED

The gift shop is closed until further notice.

The re-open date is still in the process of being determined by the Manatee County Historical Commission (MCHC). The gift shop is **not** permanently closed. As a reminder, under the current management agreement, the gift shop is operated by members of MCHC and cannot be operated by staff or volunteers.

Farewell, Juliana!

Juliana worked as the Visitor Services Coordinator at Manatee Village Historical Park. She helped create a warm and inviting atmosphere for visitors and was always quick to lend a hand to other staff members.

She will be starting administrative work at a private company later this month. Juliana's last day at Manatee Village Historical Park is Saturday, May 14th.

Congratulations to Juliana on this exciting new chapter in her career!



Images: Juliana Laney, Visitor Services Coordinator

Congratulations, Crystal!

Volunteer Crystal K. has volunteered at Manatee Village Historical Park for nearly seven years. In this time she has participated in cemetery cleanups and costumed character acting. She also volunteered regularly in the Wiggins Store and helped out at special events like *An Old Florida Christmas*.

Crystal recently shared that she will begin pursuing a Masters in Museum Studies this summer. Congratulations, Crystal!



Images: Volunteer Crystal K.

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@manateclerk.com or call 941-749-7165.

