



The Volunteer Dispatch

A monthly volunteer newsletter from Manatee Village Historical Park

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A Note from MVHP:



Happy New Year, everyone!

COVID UPDATE: In an abundance of caution, some Manatee Village Historical Park staff will be working from home during the month of January. Manatee Village Historical Park will continue to remain open to the public by appointment M-F from 9:30am to 11:30am.

For more information regarding this COVID update please see the next page.

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

Important Updates

COVID Update

In an abundance of caution, the Department of Historical Resources has been instructed by the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller to reduce it's onsite staff by half. **As a result, staff presence onsite at Manatee Village will be reduced to 50%. The remaining 50% of staff will work from home. These staff changes will remain in effect for the month of January.**

Manatee Village will remain open to the public by appointment Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

January's cemetery cleanup will continue as planned.

As always, your volunteer positions will be held for you until such a time as it is safe for you to return.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to allyson.oleary@manateeclerk.com.

Upcoming Closures

MLK Day:

Manatee Village Historical Park will be closed to the public on January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

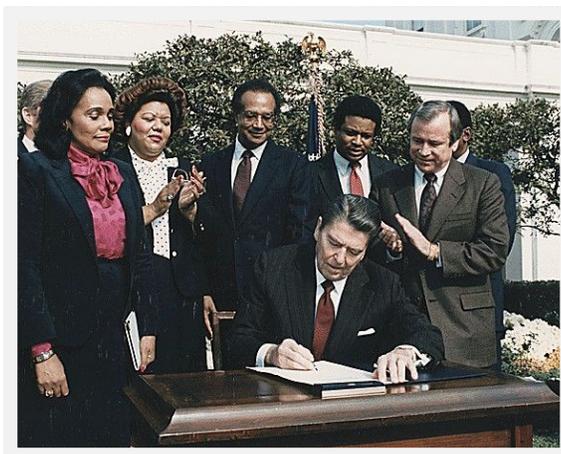


Image Courtesy of DocuTeach

Image: President Ronald Reagan at the signing ceremony for the Martin Luther King Holiday legislation; 11/2/1983

Volunteer Opportunities

Cemetery Cleanups This Month!

Looking for a socially distanced outdoor volunteer activity? Signup to help us cleanup the Old Manatee Burying Ground this month!

Volunteers will be provided with cemetery cleanup training including procedures and best practices.

Since cemetery cleanups take place outside please be sure to wear the appropriate outdoor clothing and closed toe shoes.

Anyone interested in participating in this month's cemetery cleanup must signup on Signup Genius.

Click to be taken to [Signup Genius](#).



There's Still Time to Be a History Day Judge!

Are you interested in judging student history projects from the comfort of your own home?

This year's Manatee History Day contest will be **virtual**. You will have an opportunity to virtually judge projects from any of the following categories: historical papers, documentaries, exhibit boards, websites, and performances. All projects will relate to the theme of "**Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.**"

If you are interested in judging student projects for MHD please contact Allyson O'Leary to receive an **MHD Judge Packet**.

The **MHD Judge Packet** must be completed in order to help judge projects.

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Fun & Games

Can You Identify These Famous Faces of Manatee County's Past?



Take a look at the man pictured to the left.

He served as a delegate at Florida's Secession Convention on January 3, 1861. He voted "yes" for Florida to secede from the Union and join the Confederate States of America.

What is this man's name?

Take a look at the woman pictured to the right.

During the Civil War she was arrested by Union soldiers who suspected she was Confederate Secretary of State Judah P. Benjamin in disguise. She was later released. She went on to grow coffee and on February 20, 1880 she sent a pound of her coffee to Washington, D.C. As a result, she received a \$10 gold piece from the commissioner of agriculture.

What is this woman's name?



The woman's name is Madam "Joe" Atzeroth.

The man's name is Ezekiel Glazier.

Answers: