



*“I challenge the men of Brevard County, particularly other elected officials, to let their hair grow for No Shave November. I ask that you donate the cost usually spent on grooming needs to cancer research instead.”*

*... Curt Smith,  
District 4 Commissioner,  
Brevard County*



# District 4 Dispatch

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## Space Coast Area Transit

In October, my staff and I had the privilege of attending Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT) Mobility Week’s Ride with Jim event and experience the clean and spacious buses here in Brevard County. Assistant County Manager Jim Liesenfelt and Transit Services Director Scott Nelson provided information, facts, and a few race-car jokes, thanks to a special guest, Nascar driver Scott Lagasse, Jr.



SCAT is recognized as #1 in Safety and Community Outreach by the Florida Public Transportation Association. During hurricane evacuations, SCAT transports over 3,000 residents to and from shelters. Eastern Florida State College has partnered with SCAT to offer students free rides with an EFSC ID. There’s also fare reduction for those seniors, disabled, students, and veterans with a Reduced Fare ID Card. Riders can view routes, plan a trip, and find info on Spacecoast Area Transit’s website: [321transit.com](http://321transit.com) or on the Smartphone App: 321Transit.

## Sarno Landfill Filling Up

The projected end of life for the Sarno Landfill is four (4) years away and could be shorter if our area is faced with another hurricane. I believe it is best for Brevard County to continue the development of our proposed landfill located off of SR 192 near Osceola County. All that is needed at this time is signing the US Army Corp of Engineers Permit. This project was conceptually started in 1982 and restarted in 2006. Brevard County negotiated a settlement agreement with Deseret Ranch in 2016 concerning the solid waste construction permit and they have signed off on the terms and conditions that would allow the project to be built. If the county fails to approve the 192 option, it would cost county residents tens of millions of dollars to transport and dispose of our garbage. We would be at the mercy of market conditions instead of controlling our own destiny. Upon opening, this option will serve our waste disposal needs for approximately 66 years.

Satellite Beach...Palm Shores...Indian Harbour Beach...Viera...Suntree...Melbourne  
Wickham Park...Baytree...Capron Ridge...Rockledge...Springs of Suntree

## Pineda Railroad Overpass Progress

Approximately a year and a half ago I was approached by retired Colonel Tim Thomas, with a request about naming a street after a recently deceased local military hero, Major General John Cleland, who was a man known for building bridges between people. He was a much decorated Army veteran and Viera resident who passed away on October 25, 2017. I told the Colonel that naming a street after someone was a long and arduous task and not always successful.

I thought about his dilemma and came up with the idea of naming the future Pineda Flyover for the Major General, which would be much easier and much more visible than a street stuck in some neighborhood. Myself and my staff did the necessary research and legwork and received approval of the idea of the naming of the bridge.

The Pineda Causeway Separation (railroad) Overpass is an estimated \$24 million project. As part of the permit to widening Pineda Causeway, Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) required elimination of the at-grade crossing to improve mobility. With the average daily 33,120 vehicles using this stretch of Pineda, the crossing will eliminate traffic tie-ups triggered by trains. This will be even more necessary with the future high-speed Virgin Trains slated to use new tracks adjacent to the existing tracks

When completed by SEMA Construction around Fall of 2020, the bridge will elevate motorists 25 feet above the FEC railroad tracks, rising from the US 1 ramps westward and spanning to between Holy Trinity and Wawa. Florida Department of Transportation is financing the entire bill, but Brevard County is overseeing the project.



## Rolling Readers



What an honor it was to be recognized by Rolling Readers Space Coast as being the 2019 Literacy Advocate! For many years I have enjoyed volunteering with Rolling Readers. By sharing my love for reading with elementary students, I hope to help children develop better reading skills and become life-long readers. Those who enjoy sharing stories and want to assist children in developing better reading skills can view more info at their website: [rollingreadersspacecoast.org](http://rollingreadersspacecoast.org) or email [read@rollingreadersspacecoast.org](mailto:read@rollingreadersspacecoast.org).

Thank you to all who have donated to the Brevard County Real Men Wear Pink Team, bought a "Save the Boo Bees Smoothie" at Viera's Tropical Smoothie Café, attended the special events held by Brevard County Real Men, and/or purchased the special Brevard County Fire Rescue Pink breast cancer shirt. We continue to work together as a team of Real Men to reach our Brevard County goal of \$55,000 by December 31. Please call my office (321-633-2044) if you wish to raise awareness of and donate to continue breast cancer research.

