

Recognizing the Centennial Year in May

The 100 year celebration for Vero Beach is approaching quickly. Many activities have passed, some are still happening over the next few months. And most importantly, many groups of individuals are working towards what the community can expect during the day of Saturday, October 26. To that end, Finale committee members are seeking volunteers for that special day. Those that can work on setting up and taking down as well as helping with the morning parade and other activities throughout the day. This is the time to be in touch with Co-Chair Tammy Bursick at 978-4700 offering your time and manpower!

Under the direction of Centennial Co-Chairs City Clerk Tammy Bursick and Councilman Tony Young, the community is invited to take advantage of any or all of the Centennial activities which represent the city's history, landmarks, ancestors, organizations, agriculture, education, transportation and the arts through the decades of technical, beautification and architectural advancements. This is an opportunity to share our history, our accomplishments and our people in a very memorable fashion.

Florida Power & Light is the Centennial Presenting Sponsor. Your sneak peek for the month of May is sponsored by The Cattleman's Association with WTTB New Radio 105.7 FM/1490 AM is the Official Centennial Flagship Radio Station.

Please visit the Centennial website www.VeroBeach100.org regularly for times, locations and details on all activities. Event times, dates, locations and descriptions are subject to change.

Centennial Parade Notice:

We are just a few months away until the year-long calendar of Vero Beach Centennial activities conclude and a Finale Celebration is held on the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City. Saturday, October 26, 2019 is when the community will come together for a good old-fashioned jubilee in historic downtown Vero Beach...filled with fun, food, entertainment, mingling with friends and family ...all following a parade down 14th Avenue!

John Michael Matthews chairs the Centennial Parade, *Vero Beach Through The Ages*, and invites local organizations, schools, clowns, musicians, and businesses to participant. The committee is looking for floats, music, live entertainment and other creative ideas to enter the route that begins at 10 a.m. at the Vero Beach High School.

Please fill out a participation application form online: www.verobeach100.org

June 15 recommended deadline/applicants will be notified by July 16. First-come, first-served. Parade participants capped at 100. John Michael Matthews jmatthews50@aol.com

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Poetry Contest by Laura Riding Jackson Foundation

The Laura Riding Jackson foundation is inviting all Indian River County students (categories for elementary, middle, and high schools) to enter the "Celebrate Where I Live" Poem contest by entering a poem that features an historical person, place, event, or industry that makes Vero Beach a special place to live. Winner will receive gift certificates from the Vero Beach Book Center; First (\$100), Second (\$50), and Third (\$25) place winners awarded in each category (elementary, middle school and high school). Winning poems will be read at the Centennial Celebration at Riverside Theater on August 8. Writing in verse. May include but is not limited to prose poetry, free verse, formal poetry, song lyrics, and spoken word. Poem length must be a maximum of 50 lines. Students will submit two copies of their poem: one with their name and school and a second copy without name or school identification.

Submit entries to poetrycontest@lauraridingjackson.org or
Mail: LRJ Office, 1914 14th Ave., Vero Beach, 32960.
Deadline for submission is May 1. Winners will be notified by May 15.
Susan iblovelace@gmail.com 321-537-3666

Sunday, May 26, 2019 – 1:30pm to 4pm Founder's Day and Family Day Celebration

The community is invited to spend Sunday, May 26 at two special beachside Centennial events designed for the entire family.

“The Founders Day Centennial Tree Dedication” will be held at MacWilliam Park at 1:30 p.m. The City Tree and Beautification Commission is recognizing the day the City was incorporated in 1919. This event is sponsored by Carlton Fields.

At the program's conclusion, plan on a short walk over to Riverside Theatre for the “Family Day Celebration” which will run from 2-4 p.m.

A wide array of food will be sold from food trucks while the family is entertained and children enjoy face-painting, games and other special features for the children to participate in. Nearly twenty religious establishments will be represented with informational tables as well as offering additional games for the children. Music will be provided on an outdoor stage by several inner faith groups. Attendees may feel free in bringing their own chairs to relax outdoors to enjoy the day. Programs will be handed out that day so attendees can discover all that is being offered.



(Photo by Lee Orre) Front Row: Rev. Melinda Witter, Shahina Begg, Tammy Bursick, Laura Lewis, Suzy Feeney, Marilyn Black Dussault, Carol Ludwig, Dr. Jacqueline Warrior
Second Row: Jonnie May, Perry Robin Kosky, Dr. Bob Howlett, Dr. Randy Fullerton, Rev. Dan Holloway
Rabbi Michael Birnholz, Hajj Victor Begg, Tony Young
Back Row: Bruce Knipper, Warren Obluck, Clint Rahjes, Jim Tardi, Isabella Tardi, Pastor Jack Diehl, Rev. Joe LaGuardia, Percy Perry

For more information on Founders day and Family Celebration, contact Pastor Joe LaGuardia 772-567-4341 or Marilyn Dussault, mbdfll@comcast.net

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