



# Crescent City Chronicle

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City's City Commission

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## Congratulations to the Residents of Crescent City

The Chronicle had planned on dedicating this issue to business owners and residents who have been making the extra effort to improve their properties and their businesses. However, that will have to wait until May; because there were two very important events that occurred in the first two weeks of April that need to be recognized.

**First**, there is the Catfish Festival. As much work and frustration as this means for many of the people involved, the Rotary Club of Crescent City once again put on a great festival. The members of this club are members of our South Putnam community and the event's primary purpose is to raise money for college scholarships for children who are graduating from Crescent City High School. What is equally, if not more important is the fact that the entire event is put on by our local Rotary Club and volunteers from the community. Come one man...that is the kind of stuff that should give you goose bumps.

Most Cities have to pay big bucks to get a festival like this off the ground.

If you were not able to volunteer for this event, please be sure to thank a local Rotarian or anyone you know that may have participated. It is truly an community event with regional significance (and if you consider the \$20,000+ in scholarships, it has impacts well beyond . the region for those kids that are able to afford a college education because of this event.

**Second**, just last night this editor witnessed one the greatest examples of citizen participation in local government that I has ever witnessed.

There was an overflow crowd at the City Commission meeting for the discussion of whether the City should maintain its police department or bring in the Sheriff to provide dedicated law enforcement.

It was not the greatest citizen participation simple because of the number of people that showed up. What made it such a great civic engagement was the manner in which everyone conducted themselves and presented their views.

While most spoke in favor of keeping the police department, everyone was allowed to speak with out being shouted over.

There was a little bit of emotion, but that is an important part of it, as long as it does not over take the discussion...and it didn't. This was not a shouting match or a popularity contest. People on both sides of the issue presented facts, reasoned arguments and logic, along with the love (or dissatisfaction) they felt for their police department.

It was stated at the beginning ,and a couple more times during the meeting, that this issue will need another meeting before making a decision. However, in the end, the people of Crescent City spoke and clearly moved the elected representatives to make their decision to keep this police department that very night. Not simply because it was the popular decision in that moment, but because those present left little doubt in the minds of the elected officials what was right for this community.

**Noteworthy**, those making the case for considering the Sheriff's proposal were still heard. The Commission

and the Chief of Police agreed to hold a workshop on April 24th at 6pm in City Hall to have a dialogue regarding how the Police Department and the community can improve our law enforcement services.

This is good stuff people! We need more of this.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Movie in the Park—  
April 11, 2014  
(see page 2 for details)**

**Ladies Night Dinner  
Show —**

**April 14, 2014 at 6pm**

**Howe Memorial  
Family Night Dinner  
Show —**

**April 19, 2014 at 6pm at  
Howe Memorial**

**Contact the Howe Memorial  
Church Office for more info  
these two events: 698-2635**

**CRA Board and CRA  
Advisory Committee  
Joint Meeting —**

**April 22, 2014 at 6pm in  
City Hall**

**City Commission  
Police Department  
Joint Workshop —**

**April 24, 2014 at 6pm in  
City Hall**

To get your Crescent City community event posted here or to submit ideas for articles, send in the information by the 28th of the month to make the following month's issue: [newsletter@crescentcity-fl.com](mailto:newsletter@crescentcity-fl.com)  
Phone: (386) 698-2525

### NOTICE

**The Crescent City Library will have new hours of operation beginning in April**

New Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 - 6:00 pm.

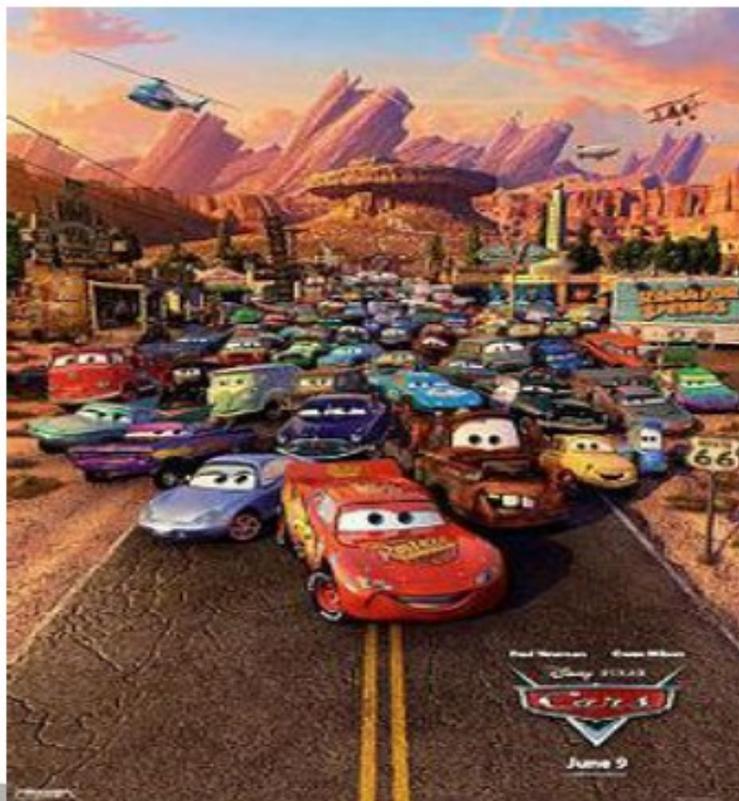
Saturday: 9:00 - 12:30 pm.

Closed Sunday and Monday



**MOVIE IN THE PARK  
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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2013 AT DUSK**

Further information may be obtained at City Hall  
386/698-2525 EXT 0



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AND BLANKETS**

**LIGHT CONCESSIONS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**CRESCENT CITY  
ROTARY CLUB**