




  
**Crescent City Chronicle**  
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**City Commission  
February 8th Agenda\*  
6pm at City Hall**

**Tree Committee Appointments**

Recommendations for Trees at Corner of Central and Summit and on North Side of City Hall.

Proclamation 18-02 Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Award Construction Contract for Walnut Street Paving Project

RESOLUTION NO. 18-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) UNDER THE MSCOP GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE RESURFACING OF CENTRAL AVENUE.

Selection of Engineering Firm for CEI Services on Walnut Street.

Lift Putnam! – Jim Padgett

Police Chief's Law Enforcement Report with Q&A

Police Community Outreach Report

Code Enforcement Report

\*This is a tentative agenda. The agenda is typically finalized one week prior to the meeting. Please check with City Hall for a more up to date agenda.

**City Hall Closures**  
**February 19th—Presidents Day**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**The will be holding a public meeting  
on February 20, 2018 at 6pm**

**Location: City Hall**

**Purpose: To discuss updates and new ideas for the CRA Plan.**

**COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR**

**City Commission Regular Meeting—**  
February 8th @ 6pm City Hall Meeting Room

**Public Meeting Re: CRA Plan Amendments—** February 20th @ 6pm City Hall Meeting Room.

**CRA Plan Updates To Be Discussed**

The City completed its analysis and finding of necessity for expanding its CRA to include a North Area CRA and a South Area CRA. The next step is to update the plan to reflect this expansion and to discuss updates and changes to the existing plan. This will include the existing CRA and the expansion areas and will look at the following primary topics:

1. Identify areas within the CRA with critical needs for water and sewer infrastructure upgrades and expansion and update the CRA Plan to identify the priority locations and potential financial mechanisms to complete the improvements.
2. Identify area within the CRA that are best suited for marina development and update the CRA Plan to identify the area and potential financing mechanisms.
3. Identify public assets that may be suitable for developing historic-based tourism opportunities and improved connections between the water and the business district.
4. Develop a design concept for Central Avenue that addresses parking, utility infrastructure, stormwater, aesthetics including signage, lighting, pedestrian access, vegetation for shade, pervious surfaces and street landscaping, and access to Crescent Lake and Lake Stella.
5. Consider planning and design for a pedestrian connection by a lakeside boardwalk that links the Sunrise Park, historical amenities (remnants of the Grantee's former jail and the water wheel at Sunrise Park) and the Crescent Avenue business area.
6. Include specific objectives and guidelines for developing the CRA's 2.2-acre property known as the "Miller Property", including identifying target uses and public/private partnerships to facilitate the development.

**Did You Know...**

Once upon a time, local government had some control over communication services within their boundaries through their franchise powers; but several years ago your state Legislature in Tallahassee took away our franchise power. Now, Windstream and Comcast are no longer answerable to Crescent City on performance issues.

As residents and commercial users of both Windstream and Comcast, your Commissioners are very aware of the shortcomings with both these companies. We attempted to address the problem about 4 years ago by participating in a wireless broadband project that gave another option to Windstream. However, the wireless option was limited in its reach and the North Florida Broadband Authority that put the project together is no longer in existence. Back to square one.

City Hall is now working with a consultant which has experience putting in broadband infrastructure for local governments. They should provide us with an overview of what would be needed in the way of infrastructure and an estimated cost. The next step will be determining how we might make it happen.

In the mean time **please document your Windstream and Comcast issues with** the Florida Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 2005 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6500

Toll-free Hotline: 1-800-435-7352

<https://csapp.800helpfla.com/CSPublicApp/Complaints/FileComplaint.aspx>

Choose "Regulated or Unregulated Business". They don't make it easy!

Invitation to residents and former residents of Putnam County of all ages:

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Story Writing Contest



Sponsored by the GFW Woman's Club of Crescent City

Spring 2018 (deadline April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Two entry categories: Under 19 yrs. Students and Over 18 yrs. Adults  
Award Recognitions for each age group

You are invited to write a folk story about an event that has occurred in the history of Putnam County, particularly involving the Fruitland Peninsula which is located in the southern area and includes Crescent City, Welaka, Satsuma, Pomona Park, Fruitland, Georgetown and surrounding areas.

You may have a story to tell from your own experience living here or you may wish to ask a relative or a neighbor who has lived to have the story told.

Imagine yourself in the environment of the story and tell it in the first person from where you are standing as the event occurs – even if you have heard it first from someone else.

Submit your story by April 12, 2018 to Judi White [soulsorchard@gmail.com](mailto:soulsorchard@gmail.com) or bring a hard copy to the Woman's Club Senior Lunch on any Tuesday but by March 27, 2018 between 11 am and 1pm. You may also mail it to: 25 North Lake Street, Crescent City, FL 32112.

Winners will be announced, and the stories presented at a **Local Folk Story Fest**, sponsored by The Arts Council of Greater Palatka, Multicultural Arts Guild Inc. (MAGI) and the GFW Woman's Club of Crescent City at the Little Blue House in Crescent City on **May 12, 2018**. At this **Local Folk Story Fest**, there will be other story tellers who have written and performed tales about Putnam County. Your story may be chosen to be written into a song or a skit created to tell it as a drama.

Please feel free, if not obligated to write a story to add to the richness of our history. We would like to know that you will be writing a story. So please send a notice of your intent to Judi White [soulsorchard@gmail.com](mailto:soulsorchard@gmail.com) or tell a member of the GFW woman's Club Crescent City who will relay the message.

## Great Backyard Bird Count

February 16 – 19<sup>th</sup>

Find some Birds!



During February, the MAGI (Multicultural Arts Group, Inc.) encourages Crescent City residents to celebrate the art and beauty of nature by participating in the international "Great Backyard Bird Count" a fun activity for adults and children of all ages. Feb. 16 – 19<sup>th</sup>. The National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology set aside these

four days -- choose any time of 15 minutes or greater to count the birds in any location; you write down what you see, and send in a reporting form. The purpose is to enjoy nature and also help with the study of bird populations. More info at:

<http://www.audubon.org/conservation/about-great-backyard-bird-count>

The MAGI will help community members who would like to participate, either individuals or groups. We will have the lists of birds commonly found in our area, and will be scheduling a training session on how to use the reporting forms online, how to identify birds. We will help submit forms for anyone who needs it. We also may schedule a group walk if enough are interested. If you have a group that would like more information, or would like to be-



come a "trainer", let us know. Check the MAGI Facebook page and calendar for more info, as well as the Crescent City Library and other bulletin boards around town.

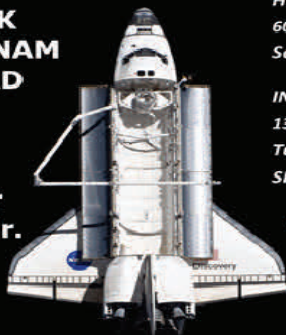
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By: Lisa DeVitto [lisadevitto@gmail.com](mailto:lisadevitto@gmail.com)  
("Birds Watching" clip art inserted by The Editor. I figure turn about is fair play.)



## COUNTY LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

ONE BOOK  
ONE PUTNAM  
2018 READ

**ROCKET  
BOYS**  
By Homer  
Hickam, Jr.



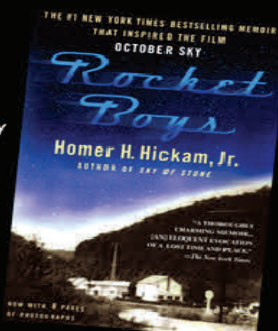
**HEADQUARTERS LIBRARY**  
601 COLLEGE ROAD, PALATKA  
Saturday, Feb. 10th @ 11a.m.

**INTERLACHEN LIBRARY**  
133 N CR 315, INTERLACHEN  
Tues., Feb. 13th @ 11:30a.m.  
SPECIAL GUEST: BILL MEETZE

**MELROSE LIBRARY**  
312 WYNNWOOD AVE., MELROSE  
Wed., Feb. 14th @ 10:30a.m.

**CRESCENT CITY LIBRARY**  
610 N. SUMMIT ST., CRESCENT CITY  
"MEETING WITH THE GREATS"  
Wed., Feb. 14th @ 12p.m.

**BOSTWICK LIBRARY**  
125 TILLMAN ST., BOSTWICK  
Thurs., Feb. 22nd @ 6p.m.  
SPECIAL GUEST: CHIP LAIBL



Crescent City Woman's Club  
&  
MAGI



presents

## Understanding Your Pet with Dr. Marla Brett

By  
Andrew Frodahl

Auditions at the Crescent City  
Woman's Club.

every Monday night until cast is filled.

Show Date: May 19th @ 7pm

Location: Pomona Park Community  
Center