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3 HOLIDAYS... 3 CLASSIC RACES

That's right, for all you runner enthusiasts, there will be 3 classic races during the upcoming holiday season in the Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral communities that you won't want to miss!

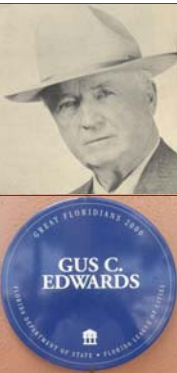
These 3 races will benefit the youth of our two communities. If you run in all three, you will earn a "Holiday Beach Classic" medal (shown above).

The first race is the "Fall Into Winter-5k" on October 22nd at 7:30am; the second race is the "Turkey Trot-5k" on November 24th at 7:30am; and, the third race is the "Reindeer Run-5k" on December 10th at 8:00am.

For more information, visit the Space Coast Runners Race Calendar at:

<http://mattmahoney.net/scr/cal.html>

You can also contact the race directors by e-mail:
Fall Into Winter: Imclean@cityofcocoa-beach.com
Turkey Trot: turkeytrot5k@cfl.rr.com
Reindeer-5k: r.lefever@cityofcapecanaveral.org



A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Cocoa Beach's first Mayor was Gus C. Edwards. He was born on March 28, 1886, in Cornelia, Georgia. After practicing law and being admitted to the bar in 1912, he moved to Cocoa in 1914 and served as their City Attorney for nearly eight years. He later became Cocoa Beach's first Mayor in 1925 (same year that the city was incorporated) and served in that capacity until 1931.

In 2000, the Florida Department of State and the Florida League of Cities initiated a Great Floridians program to recognize individuals who distinguished themselves by enhancing the lives of Florida citizens. The program provides a plaque to honor such citizens and Gus Edwards' plaque is now prominently displayed at the Cocoa Beach City Hall main entrance. Gus C. Edwards died in 1969.

[Information provided by former City of Cocoa Beach Mayor, Joe Morgan]

9-11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE At Viera Space Coast Stadium Sunday, September 11th at 12:00 Noon



A "Day of Remembrance" is scheduled to take place at the Space Coast Stadium in Viera between the hours of 12Noon & 4pm



on Sunday, September 11, 2011. A special Memorial Ceremony (including a planned "massing of the colors" being performed by various Color Guards from area military, police and fire units) will be conducted between the hours of 1pm and 2:30pm at the stadium.

Sunday, September 11, 2011, will mark the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attack on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon in New York City and Washington, D.C., respectively. A committee entitled "Brevard Remembers 9/11" has been formed to insure that 9/11 is not forgotten in Brevard County.

The "Day of Remembrance" is open to the public. For more information, please contact members, Jackie Colon (Ph: 321-795-3757) or Patrick Moynihan (Ph: 321-952-9303).

NOVEMBER 2011 SPECIAL ELECTION

Below is the official ballot language that Cocoa Beach voters will be voting on during the November 8, 2011 special election:

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Shall the City of Cocoa Beach adopt mixed use for the downtown/Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)?

The downtown/CRA vision plan developed over the last three years includes mixed use as a method to revive our local economic conditions and improve the downtown environment. Do you approve of allowing an additional mix of retail and residential uses downtown as long as it does not exceed the city-wide density caps as set in the City Charter?

- Yes, to approve
- No, to reject

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### NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK

A new pedestrian crosswalk has been recently installed at the intersection of Minutemen Causeway and Danube River Drive. This new crosswalk will allow pedestrians/school children living in the area to safely cross Minutemen Causeway to gain access to the sidewalk on the south side of the roadway. Florida State Law requires that all vehicular traffic must STOP for all pedestrians within a crosswalk.

The speed limit along Minutemen Causeway remains at 30 miles per hour (MPH) until you reach the posted 20 MPH school zone near Roosevelt Elementary School. At present, there are no plans for manning this new crosswalk with a school crossing guard. Drivers and pedestrians are asked to use extra caution while in the vicinity of the new crosswalk.

For additional information, please contact Robert Torres, Public Works Director, at 321-868-3371.



**This was Irene...  
What are the odds the next one will miss Cocoa Beach?  
Are you willing to bet your life on it?  
Do you have a plan?**



### SEPTEMBER 2011

LEON "SKIP" BEELER—MAYOR  
KEN GRIFFIN— VICE MAYOR  
SKIP WILLIAMS—COMMISSIONER  
KEVIN PRUETT—COMMISSIONER  
DAVE NETTERSTROM—COMMISSIONER  
CHUCK BILLIAS—CITY MANAGER