



# Courtenay Notes

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## Sixth Annual Pioneer Day - February 11



Celebrating the early settlers of Merritt Island on "Pioneer Day" on two of their historic sites will be a memorable event for history, art, music, and nature lovers. On **February 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Sams House at Pine Island and St. Luke's Episcopal Church located at 6195 and 5555 N. Tropical Trail will host a bounty of activities, most of which are free. Complete information can be found by visiting, [www.mipioneerday.com](http://www.mipioneerday.com) and [www.facebook.com/pioneerdaymerrittisland](http://www.facebook.com/pioneerdaymerrittisland).

*Parking available at both locations (suggested donation of \$1).*

*Free shuttle service, approximately every 20 minutes.*

*Please - Service Animals Only*

### St. Lukes

- Self-guided chapel and cemetery tours between scheduled events
- Artifacts and Activities from American Space Museum
- 10:30 and 2:30 Historic Cemetery Tour
- 11:00 "VAB: From Swamp to Icon" - John Tribe, Retired Aerospace Engineer and NASA docent
- 11:30 and 2:00 p.m. "St. Luke's Chapel: A Gem of Carpenter Gothic Architecture" Jonathan Rich and Phil Eschbach
- 12:00 Homemade soups (\$5)
- 1:00 A Visit with the Sams Family (Sams Family Plot, cemetery)
- Fish Fry Dinner seatings at 4:30 and 5:30 (call 321 452-5260 for ticket sales \$9 advance/\$10 day of)

### Sams House

- Living History Demonstrations and Educational Exhibits including: Florida History, Archaeology and Anthropology, Bat Conservancy, Confederate Sons, Daughters of the American Revolution, Wool Spinners, Cow Camp Calvery, Seminole Reenactors, and more
- Crafts Fair and Farmer's Market including Pappas Backyard Honey, Mrs. Mango's, Nature Simple Remedies, Coiled Vessels by Teresa Camarata, Cook's candles quilts dolls and handmade sandals, Sacred Space Arnica wreaths and dreamcatchers, Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Sheila Bland quilted items, Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation, Mendenhall Metal Sculptures, Silhouette art, and more
- Historic House and Cabin Tours will focus on the foods of Pioneer families
- Music by the Freight Liner Blue Grass Band and the Celery City String Band
- Children's Crafts and Games include: cow milking, rope tossing, corn husk doll fabrication, and much more
- Several food vendors

## Wildlife Sightings

Barbara Chassee, 610 E. Crisafulli Rd. reported the following wildlife



Corn snake.

sightings: 12/23/16 Corn snake; 12/26/16 a Downey Woodpecker in a tree in her yard; and then on 1/2/17 she reported "I drove on Judson Rd. between Chase Hammock and E. Crisafulli Rd. and saw an otter in Judson Canal, a Kingfisher on the wires, a turtle on the road, a Mallard Duck in the Judson Canal, a Hawk flying into the marsh, and an Anhinga on the wires. What a great way to start the New Year."

## Space Coast Birding Festival

The Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival, an event that draws nature enthusiasts from all parts of the U.S. and other countries will hold it's 20th annual event January 25-29. The starting point for festival activities are located at the Florida Eastern College in Titusville. Field trips take participants throughout Brevard. Registration available on <http://spacecoastbirdingandwildlife festival.org/>

## Next NMIHOA Meeting



Mon., Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m.

Monthly meeting. No speakers planned

Monthly Meetings at St. Luke's,  
5555 N. Tropical Trail  
All meetings are open.

## Letter from the President



Dear Friends,

*Now that the hurricane and Holiday Seasons have passed, folks on North Merritt Island are focusing on their jobs, hobbies, families and friends while enjoying this fabulous rural area we live in. I'm already seeing and smelling the few orange blossoms from trees that still remain on NMI.*

*We are still keeping a vigilant eye on unsettled issues like the cargo rail line to Port Canaveral, and future development proposals as they come before the NMI Advisory Board and the County Commission.*

*I encourage you to take part in Pioneer Day on February 11. This Association will have a space and be available to answer questions and sign up new members. We will also have some door prizes offered for raffle. Do stop by and say hello.*

*Check our website at [www.nmihoa.org](http://www.nmihoa.org) for updates on news and information about or relating to local residents.*

**Chris Cook**  
President, NMIHOA

This issue of Courtenay Notes was mailed to members only. Please share your copy with a neighbor and invite them to join.



## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

5555 North Tropical Trail, Merritt Island

The Reverend Peter F. Roberts

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
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