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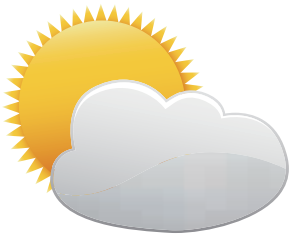
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Community Calendar

Music and Motorcycles
Come to downtown Zephyrhills this Saturday for Music and Motorcycles, which is scheduled 4-9 p.m. There are plenty of motorcycles to check out, live music, food and other vendors. Awards will be presented at 8:30 p.m.

San Antonio Farmers Market
The famers market is Saturday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at San Antonio Park. Aside from various fruits, vegetables and other food there will be activities for children and live music.

► 2A



Weather

A slightly cooler seven days lie ahead while the daily rains and thunderstorms are predicted to return. Expect daytime temperatures in the low 90s and high 80s while it is expected to be in the mid to low 70s for the evenings.

► 3A

Sports

Warriors rally for comeback win in overtime
Zephyrhills Christain Academy's football team rallied from two deficits for a 26-20 comeback victory over district rival Sefnere Christian in overtime in a game played at Strawberry Crest.

Pasco Stars are once again national champions in Special Olympics softball
The Pasco Stars, whose roster consists primarily of softball players from Zephyrhills, won their second national title in Special Olympics.

Zephyrhills volleyball team still seeks first win
Once again the Zephyrhills High volleyball team is struggling and still without a win, but the Bulldogs did get some points vs. Fivay.

► 1B

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9/11 Memorial is an annual tradition



The Zephyrhills High JROTC Color Guard walks away following the presentation of colors and national anthem.

STEVE LEE

Tribute paid to fallen heroes and victims at Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Only once has a local tribute to fallen heroes and victims of the 9/11 terrorist attack in 2001 been cancelled. That came in 2017 when Hurricane Irma struck Florida. It nearly happened again, but Hurricane Dorian spared our part of Florida last week

when it skirted up the state's eastern coast. That meant the tradition could go on with a somber ceremony taking place on Sept. 11 at precisely 11 a.m. at Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park. Rod Reh-rig, past commandant of the Marine Corps League Detachment 1124, was not overly concerned about the recent hurricane affecting plans. "I never even thought about it," he said. "I figured it would've blown over by now." At this year's ceremony, as has been the case since the Marine Corps League's local detachment adopted him in 2003, Sgt. Major Michael S. Curtin was fondly remembered for his bravery and courage. As a member of the New York Police Department, the former Marine perished in a rescue-saving effort when the

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"Compression" dominates discussion at city council meeting

Decisions on how to address compression within the Zephyrhills Police Department continue to take the spotlight

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

What exactly is meant by "compression" anyway? Compression is when employee wages in a certain bracket become compressed, meaning their annual salary or hourly wage bears out little distinction between a new hire and a multi-year veteran. This appears to be an emerging issue in the Zephyrhills Police Department. As reported previously by *The Zephyrhills News* and in the prior city council meeting, K9 Officer Lorenzo Limoges spoke on behalf of ZPD officers for a resolution to the problem. On Monday, regular business was conducted but the spotlight opened up during the Citizen Comments section as two signed up speakers affiliated with ZPD deferred their time to Limoges. The council chambers were crowded with ZPD members in plain clothes. At the podium, Limoges expressed frustration that the city had promised to do something to resolve the issue of compression within the department, the year prior, and that now it seemed as though the 2019/20 FY budget is being passed without addressing the problem. "We promised the police department we would do something - we didn't, we promised we would come up with a step plan - we didn't," councilman Alan Knight said to Limoges. "But I want to assure you we are going to do everything we can. There isn't one of us on this council that doesn't want all of you here." The comment came at what had been winding up to be a tense exchange between Limoges, city manager William Poe Jr., Knight and other council members. At one point, Limoges even said, "if you can't pay us, let us go" alluding to the road that the city fire department appears to be on as being assimilated by Pasco Fire Rescue and to the flow of experienced patrolmen with the police department transferring over to the Pasco County Sheriff's Office (PSO). The exchanges were impassioned to a point that ZPD Chief Derek Brewer gave a gentle

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Eagles plan to relocate to downtown Zephyrhills

Charitable group's former site at New River Road in Wesley Chapel closed Aug. 31

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The Zephyrhills Eagles have long called a Wesley Chapel address home. Soon, they will be in downtown Zephyrhills. A banner is up behind a fenced parking lot touting the Eagles Nest as the future home of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3752. They are relocating from 4149 New River Rd. in Wesley Chapel, near the New River Branch Library, to an old bank building at the northeast corner of 5th Avenue and 7th Street. The address is 38412 5th Ave. "I'm absolutely excited to death," Pat Hochstetler, conductor of the Zephyrhills Eagles Auxiliary, said of the planned relocation. The Eagles actually were in Zephyrhills city limits when the local chapter was formed more than 50 years ago, but that property was since annexed into Wesley Chapel.



A banner promotes the new site for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3752. The New River Road site has closed.

STEVE LEE

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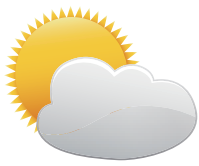


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THURSDAY
91/75

Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:12am MOONRISE: 7:10pm
SUNSET: 7:38pm MOONSET: 5:45am



FRIDAY
87/75

Scattered Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 7:44pm
SUNSET: 7:37pm MOONSET: 6:38am



SATURDAY
82/74

Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 8:15pm
SUNSET: 7:36pm MOONSET: 7:30am



SUNDAY
87/74

Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 8:46pm
SUNSET: 7:35pm MOONSET: 8:21am



MONDAY
90/73

Scattered Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:14am MOONRISE: 9:17pm
SUNSET: 7:34pm MOONSET: 9:13am



TUESDAY
90/73

PM Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:14am MOONRISE: 9:50pm
SUNSET: 7:33pm MOONSET: 10:06am



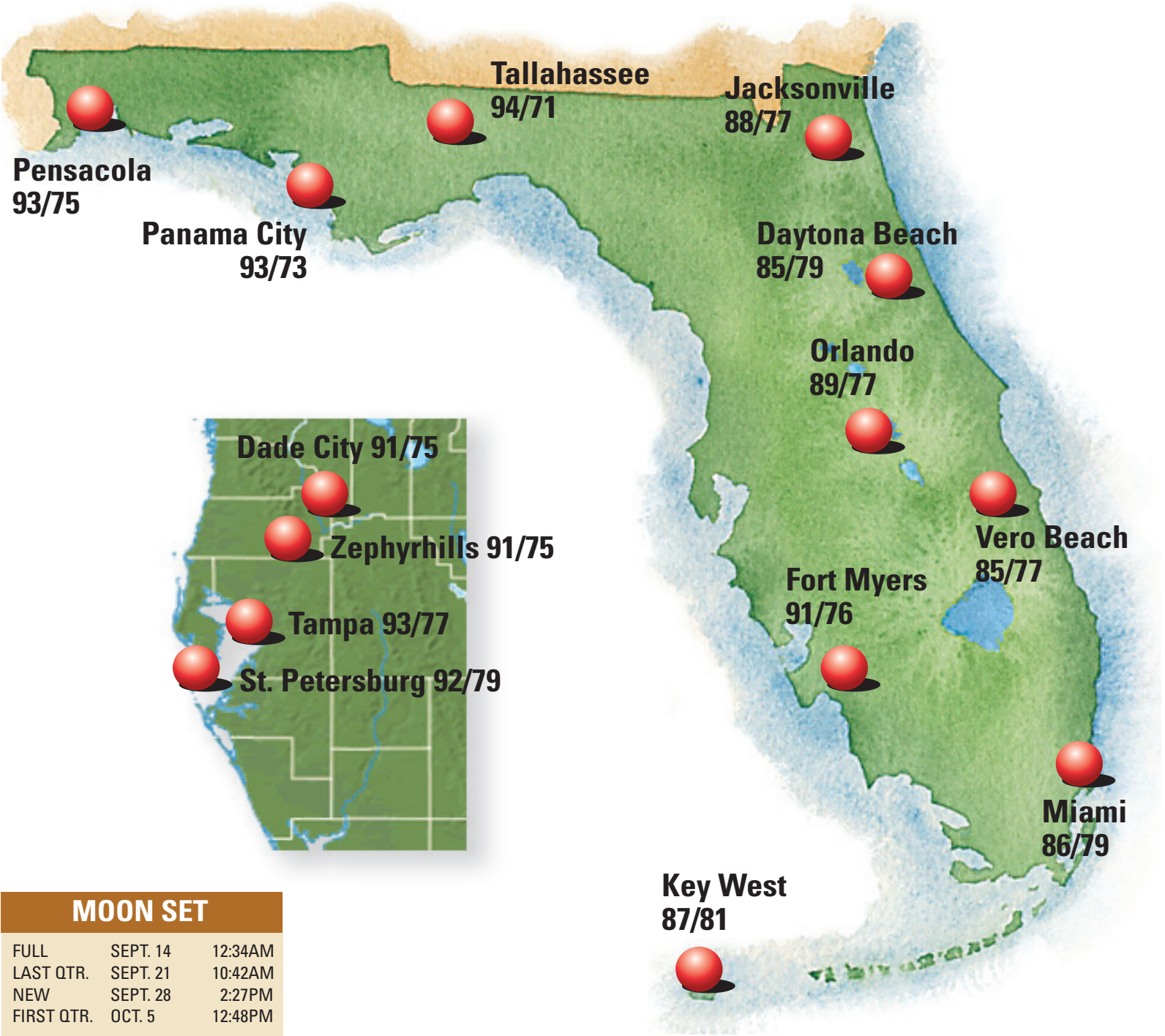
WEDNESDAY
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PM Thunderstorms
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SUNSET: 7:31pm MOONSET: 10:59am



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Right: Mayor Gene Whitfield recounted the story of Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin, a former U.S. Marine and New York City Police Sgt. who died when the North tower of the World Trade Center collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001.

Below: Rod Rehrig, past commandant of Marine Corps League Detachment 1124, and Rev. Jim Shultz sing the national anthem.

STEVE LEE



Above: Members of the Marine Corps League, other local military organizations and distinguished guests gather under a tent and place their hands over their hearts during the national anthem.



Above: Local first responders, who showed up in support, include members of the city's police and fire departments.

► 9/11 MEMORIAL: From Page 1A

World Trade Center's twin towers crumbled one after the other in New York City.

That 2001 attack by terrorists in hijacked airplanes included planes crashing into the Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field as well.

Since Curtin was selected by the detachment some of his family members have come to Zephyrhills from up north in New Jersey and Pennsylvania to share in the commemorative gestures.

"That was very rewarding; the fact that the family took time to come down here and share the dedication with us," Rehrig said. "It felt good for us because they were so proud of their hero. They came down and shared the moment with us."

As usual, two prominent people from Zephyrhills spoke eloquently at this year's dedication. Mayor Gene Whitfield and Danny Burgess, executive director of the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs, were the guest and keynote speakers, respectively.

"By this time a little after 11 a.m. 18 years ago all the world knew what had happened. There had been an attack on the United States of America," Whitfield said. (Curtin) responded with bravery and courage, and without hesitation. He exemplified courage and heroism. It was noted that he saved many lives. Sgt. Curtin's sacrifice was immeasurable.

For Burgess, a former state representative who also serves in the Army Reserves, the event was especially moving. He recalled being a Zephyrhills High student and watching the twin towers burning on a school television.

Addressing today's younger generation

Burgess spoke of the importance of them realizing the magnitude of those terrorist attacks. He recalled being a sophomore at Zephyrhills High when the catastrophic events occurred, saying it is incumbent on other generations to give the next generation a historical perspective.

"This is about very meaningful events," he said. "In the same way that Pearl Harbor impacted the greatest generation, 9/11 was the moment for my generation. That will be the moment in time that stays with me till the day I die."

Born in 2001, 2019 Zephyrhills High graduate Kaleb Lovings came back for Wednesday's memorial. He is a private first class in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"It feels unreal that I'm able to come back and support our community," he said.



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CHURCH NEWS

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills, 38635 5th Ave., along with Pastor Jim Thomas invites the community to traditional Sunday worship services, 8 and 11 a.m.; contemporary service, 9:30 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, in Cooper Hall, 9-10:30 a.m.; adult Sunday school, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; children's church, 11 a.m.; and youth Bible study is 11 a.m.

Children and youth meet on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. For adults, on Wednesday evenings, Bible study is at 5 and 7 p.m. in the chapel.

GriefShare, a 13-week grief recovery support group and seminar, will begin on Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for the book is \$15.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5645 or visit, www.fumczhills.org.

Crystal Springs Worship Center, 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. is an Assembly of God Church. Adult Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with children's church meeting at the same time. The middle and high school students meet with the Authentic Small Group after the praise and worship time.

The Ladies of Light Ministry Bible Study meets on Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Wednesday night service starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 788-1612.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5626 20th St., invites you to Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. and worship service at 10 a.m. There is a Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-1369.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills, 5510 19th St., invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service. A nursery is provided during the service. In the fellowship hall after worship will be time for conversation and a light snack.

REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and then a break into separate classes as follows, kindergarten-first grade; second-fifth grade; F.R.E.S.H. Youth Group; and adult Bible class at 6 p.m.

Choir practice is Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. For more information, call (813) 782-7412 or visit www.firstpcz.org.

First Christian Church, 6040 8th St., invites you to Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is available to everyone.

There is an active women's group.

For more information, call (813) 782-1071 or visit www.firstchristianzhills.org.

Dade City Grace Bible Church, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, meets Sundays, 9:30 a.m. for fellowship. The Song and Devotional Bible Thought for the Week begins at 10 a.m. along with Pastor Willard L. Sessoms preaching the morning Grace Bible Study message. Youth Bible study lesson, for ages 6-10 years old, is during the morning Message Hour.

The church provides a Tract and Literature Ministry at the Webster Flea Market on Mondays during the season.

For more information, visit www.Bible-TruthForToday.com or call (352) 567-3955.

First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills, 38231 Fifth Ave., invites you to Sunday services with Pastor Rob McKinney.

The children ministry, TeamKid, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director, Lorraine McKinney, and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz.

The teen TRUTH ministries, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., with director Jason Hicks and youth leaders, Barbara Hicks, Carla Berger and Paul Warner. Bus transportation is available.

The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays, 8-9 a.m. in the church conference room.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m. For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

Atonement Lutheran Church, 29617 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel invites the community to Godify Worship Service on Saturday at 5 p.m.; a Sunday Rise and Shine Service with communion, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday traditional worship

service 10 a.m.; and Child of God Family Service, 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (813) 973-2211.

Bible Missionary Church, 5521 23rd St., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by a Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m. and an evening service, 6 p.m. There is a Wednesday evening service at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-8772.

Awake at Zephyrhills a Wesleyan Church, 38924 C Ave., invites the community to a contemporary service on Saturday evenings, 7 p.m. and a traditional service Sunday morning, 10:45 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and Nursery and pre-k under 5 years old is offered at each service.

For more information, call (813) 782-7510 or visit AwakeWesleyan.org.

The Church at Chancey Road, 34921 Chancey Rd., and Pastor Tim Mitchell would like to invite you to Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for worship, Bible study and communion. Nursery and kids programs are available at all services.

The Abundant Blessings Food Pantry is now open, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. For those in attendance at either the Sunday 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday 6:45 p.m. services the Food Pantry will be open as well after each service.

For more information on the ministries of the church visit: www.thechurchatchancey-road.com and you can also watch live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tim.mitchell every Sunday and Wednesday.

Zephyrhills Church of Christ, 5444 4th St. welcomes you to visit with them for Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a mid-week Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions you can contact Preacher Kevin Heaton, at (205) 405-7700 or heatonkevin@yahoo.com. You may also reach one of the members: Joe Bates (813) 846-9441 or Wayne Frye (352) 424-0144. Visit zephyrhillschurch.com or the blog page at acordofblue.wordpress.com.

Victory Baptist Church, 6950 Forbes Rd., invites you to join them for their services on Sunday at 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m.; and worship service, 6 p.m. There is a mid-week service on Wednesday, 7 p.m. Nursery and children's programs are available. For more information, visit www.vbczhills.com or call (813) 783-8300.

East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7333 Dairy Rd., has a mission to reach others by living and sharing God's love. Bible study is Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and a church service at 10:45 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Friday, 10 a.m. and Narcotics Anonymous meets Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-2000 or visit eastpascoadventist.com.

OBITUARIES

Saralyn Kay Bailey

BAILEY, Saralyn Kay, 71, of US Virgin Islands, passed away Aug. 29, 2019. Ms. Bailey is survived by her loving family and friends.



Mary Ellen Asua

ASUA, Mary Ellen, 75, of Zephyrhills passed away Aug. 19, 2019. She is survived by a son, Martin Asua; three grandchildren, Sarah AUSA, Carah

Asua and Joshua Asua; and three great-grandchildren, Addison, Avery and Dylan. Mary Ellen was laid to rest at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Dade City with her husband and son.

Natalia Escalona

ESCALONA, Natalia, 88, of Dade City passed away Sept. 5, 2019. Mrs. Escalona is survived by her loving family.



Obituaries are available in The Zephyrhills News. Information is due Monday before noon in order to appear in the same week's publication. For pricing call the office at (813) 782-1558.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Board will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The meeting will take place at 5:30 PM in council chambers of City Hall, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills. Items on the agenda are: (1) Grant application and Certificate of Appropriateness for 38544 3rd Avenue; and (2) Certificate of Appropriate for repairs at 38614 2nd Avenue.

The details of these agendas may be found online at <http://www.ci.zephyrhills.fl.us/AgendaCenter> and in the Planning Department. Agenda details may be inspected by the Public from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and may be heard with respect to agenda items or may submit written comments to the Planning Commission, 5335 Eighth Street, Zephyrhills, FL 33542. If you have any questions, please call the Planning Department (813) 780-0006.



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Morning Worship.....10 a.m.

Second Saturday of the month

Men's Breakfast.....8:30 a.m.

Third Wednesday of the month

Women's Group.....9:30 a.m.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS WORSHIP CENTER

2155 Paul Buchman Hwy.
(813) 788-1612

Pastor Linda Davis

Sunday

Adult Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Children's Church.....10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Youth Church.....11 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Evening Service.....6:30 p.m.

Kid's Church.....6:30 p.m.

Youth Church.....7 p.m.

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday

Worship Service with Communion.....10 a.m.

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Pastor Denise Lay

Sunday

Worship.....10 a.m.

Sunday School (Nursery/Grades K-12).....10 a.m.

Adult Study.....8:30 a.m.

Coffee fellowship after worship

Wednesday

REFRESH supper.....5:30 p.m.

REFRESH Youth Group.....6 p.m.

Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m.

Choir Practice.....7 p.m.

Second Saturday King's Men (in fellowship hall).....9 a.m.

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38924 C Ave.
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Pastor Dennis Harmeson

Saturday

Contemporary Service.....7 p.m.

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Traditional Service.....10:45 a.m.

Adult Bible Study.....4 p.m.

Wednesday

Kid Min (1st-5th grade).....6:30 p.m.

Teens (6th-12th grade).....6:30 p.m.

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Saturday

Mass.....4 p.m.

Weekday Masses

M, T, Th, F.....8 a.m.

Wednesday.....8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday and Holidays.....8 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday Morning.....8:30 a.m.

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday.....8:30-9:30 a.m.

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Sunday

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Worship.....10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Service.....6 p.m.

Choir Practice.....6 p.m.

Children's Activities.....6 p.m.

TRUTH teen ministries.....6:15 p.m.

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Ricardo Barrieffe, Associate Pastor

Saturday

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

Thursday

ALNON.....7 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study.....7 p.m.

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous.....10 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous

Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday 11:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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Worship.....5:30 p.m.

Sunday

Sunday school.....8:45 a.m.

Worship service.....10 a.m.

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VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School.....10 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study/Prayer.....7 p.m.

Kids Club.....7 p.m.

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Kyle Morrissey

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Worship.....9 and 11 a.m.

Wednesdays

Worship.....6:30 p.m.

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5521 23rd St.
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Pastor Wayne Taylor

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.

Evening Service.....6 p.m.

Wednesday Service.....6 p.m.

THE CHURCH AT CHANCEY ROAD

34921 Chancey Rd.
(813) 317-4975

Pastor Tim Mitchell

Sunday

Worship.....10:15 a.m.

Worship, Bible Study and Communion

Monday

Prayer and Bible Reading.....12 p.m.

Overcomers Bible Study.....6 p.m. (12 step program)

Tuesday

Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Fellowship Dinner.....6 p.m. followed by Bible study for all ages at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Heart Dance Ladies Group.....10 a.m.

Friday

Prayer and Bible Study.....7:45 a.m.

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Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.

Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

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CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

5434 7th St.
(813) 783-2727

Pastor Stephen R. Lamb

Sunday

Adult Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.

Coffee and Donut Fellowship.....10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship.....11 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer and Praise Service...6 p.m.

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Wednesday

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An offer to help with a stalled project should reassure you that you have a workable plan in spite of the problems in getting it up and running. The week's end brings more positive news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A past problem about a workplace situation re-emerges early in the week. Talking things out helps ease tensions by midweek, but some hurt feelings could linger a few more days.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Optimistic aspects dominate your efforts. However, expect to confront some criticism, some of which might be valid, so keep an open mind. But overall, it's your views that will count.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Social interaction with

new people, especially on the job, could be a bit strained in the early part of the week. But the awkwardness passes as you get to know each other better.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect news about a follow-up to a workplace change that could make a difference in your career path. Meanwhile, new friends widen the circle for all you Social Lions who love to party.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Enjoy your well-earned plaudits for a job well done. But be aware that some people might not share your colleagues' admiration, and you might have to work harder to win them over.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good week to recheck your probably already overlong "to do" list

and decide what to keep and what to discard. Lose the clutter and focus your energy on what's really important.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to take a new perspective on what you've been offered. Expanding your view could help to uncover any plusses or minuses that weren't apparent at first.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Applying the usual methods to this week's unique challenges might not work too well. Instead, use your creativity to find a way to resolve any impasse that develops.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) So what if fate throws some obstacles in your path this week? Just keep in mind that the sure-footed and resolute Goat can

get past any barrier by focusing on the goals up ahead.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week calls for better communication with people in both your private life and the workplace. Start by asking questions, and then pay close attention to the answers.

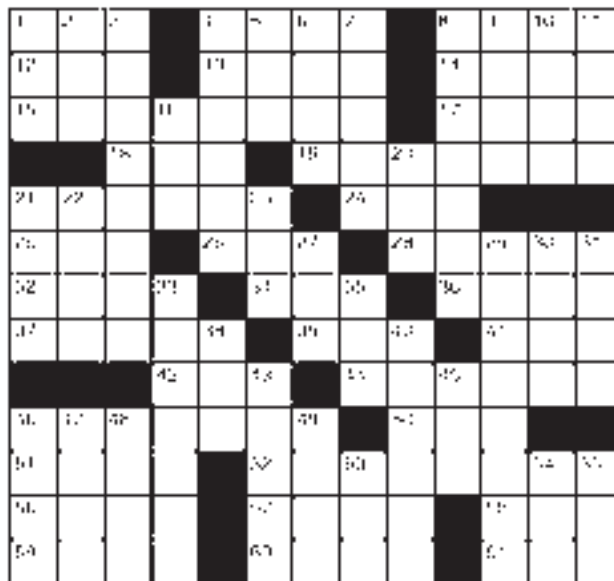
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Potentially beneficial workplace changes could be closer than you realize. Make sure you know what's going on so that you're not left high and dry when the good things happen.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're not timid about pushing to have your aims realized once you've set your mind to accomplishing your goals.

KING CROSSWORD - SEPT. 12

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- 4 Cattle comments
- 8 Dispatch
- 12 Luau side dish
- 13 Reed instrument
- 14 Inlet
- 15 Small
- 17 Enthusiastic
- 18 Eviscerate
- 19 Soon
- 21 Rook
- 24 Potential syrup
- 25 Roman 52
- 26 Thanksgiving veggie
- 28 Pass along
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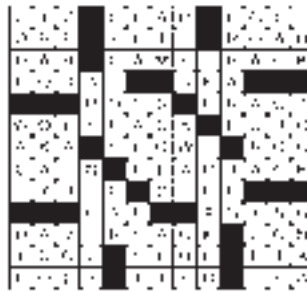


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4 Pretty much
5 Japanese sash
6 Leak slowly
7 Prophets
8 Resold for big profits
9 Corporate symbol
10 Shakespeare's river
11 Safecracker
16 Historic boy king
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Above: The East Pasco Stars Special Olympics national champion softball team was honored at Monday's city council meeting.



Above: Mayor Gene Whitfield (far right) reads a proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution commemorating Constitution Week.



Above: Marie Wunderlich gives a few remarks during the proclamation, flanked by Ann Swinford (left) and Karen O. Patterson (right).

CITY COUNCIL: From Page 1A

reprimand to Limoges for talking over Knight.

The tension was quickly dispersed by a heartfelt apology from Limoges but Limoges' talking points remained. How indeed does the city council address compression within the police department? It's important to understand some of the nuance. The problem is not with a patrol officer's starting pay. In the new budget and at the recommendation of the CLA, the base salary for a patrol officer actually went up from \$43,261 annually to \$44,518. However, the maximum annual salary actually went down from \$66,623 to \$62,325. That will actually make compression worse. What the department lacks is a good step plan, a plan to provide bonuses at one or two or five-year increments. That would allow ZPD police to advance more quickly through the pay range and not plateau, compressing down to entry-level patrol officers.

"You've got guys that have been here 13 years and new hires come in and they're (wages) are just so close," Limoges said. "How do you get officers from the starting pay to the top? The Pasco County guys got nine percent raises this year."

It's important to point out that the city recently increased their annual pay increase for all city employees from 3.5 percent to 4 percent but without a step plan, it would take 10 years for a ZPD Patrol Officer to advance to the top of the pay scale assuming a four-percent raise is given annually. Naturally, one might assume a patrol officer would ascend the ranks in 10 years but with a small department, that opportunity doesn't always exist. There are only eight positions above patrol officer in the department, four sergeants, two lieutenants, a captain and a chief. It's not often that those positions experience turnover.

Comparisons were made to other departments and indeed Pasco Sheriff's Office has a two-year step program but as some council members pointed out, other departments aren't always apples to apples comparisons.

Councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson pointed out some glaring differences between ZPD and PSO. For instance, a captain at ZPD supervises 24 officers while one at PSO supervises 200. Wilkeson also pointed out that PSO patrolmen have to be trained in a number of technologies that ZPD simply does not have.

The bottom line?

"No one wants to let anyone go, we all want to work it out," Knight said.

There is nearly \$600,000 left in the City's Contingency Fund for the 2019/20 FY Budget and Limoges stated that implementing a step plan could cost as little as \$161,000 but the city also has to be very careful about how contingency funds are spent, especially as early in the fiscal year as it is. The city will certainly have its work cut out trying to combat compression within the police department, while trying to be fair to city employees in other departments.

However, it was Knight that expressed the difference between other city departments and ZPD.

"They (ZPD) risk their lives," Knight said.

The meeting did kick off on a positive note as a couple of proclamations were made. The first was a presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution in their commemoration of the 232nd anniversary of the ratification of the United States Constitution. The week of Sept. 17 through the 23 will be observed as Constitution Week.

The next proclamation recognized the East Pasco Stars Special Olympics softball team. The team won a national title and gold medal on Aug. 18 and were recognized for their accomplishment on Monday.

All six Consent Agenda Items were passed together and unanimously.

2.1 August 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

2.2 August 26, 2019 Workshop Minutes

2.3 August 29, 2019 Emergency Meeting Minutes

2.4 Agreement for Medical Director

2.5 Classification and Compensation Study

2.6 Z Event Center Cancellation of 2nd Solicitation

The city approved leaving the current millage rate of 6.35 unchanged. The first reading of ordinance no.: 1390-19 – "An ordinance of the city council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, adopting a budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year." was passed unanimously. The second reading of Ordinance No. 1377-19 – "An ordinance of the city council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida creating parts 7.09.01.03 "Solar energy system standards" and 7.09.30 "Solar electric power collection/generation facility standards" of the land development code, amending table 2.02.01 "Allowable uses in zoning districts", amending part 13.02.00 "definition of terms" of the land development code; and providing for codification, severability, repealer, and an effective date." was passed unanimously.

In the City Attorney's Report, three ordinances pertaining to definitions of and uses for potable water, reclaimed water and sewer services were all approved with unanimity.

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Above: An old bank building at the corner of 5th Avenue and 7th Street will house the Zephyrhills Eagles.

STEVE LEE

► **EAGLES:** From Page 1A

Bill Burgess, a city building official, acknowledged that renovation and other permits have been pulled for the new project that will replace a building that has been vacant for about a dozen years.

A Stine Construction sign also is up on the property. "I know they're in a hurry, because they

sold their building," he said.

Burgess noted that plans call for a kitchen and a bar for the bottom floor of the two-story building. He said operational offices will be on the second floor.

The Eagles had to leave the previous location on Aug. 31 and with plans to meet twice monthly at the old police station in downtown Zephyrhills. As for moving into the new loca-

tion, Eagles president John Daff figures that will happen in late December or early January.

The Eagles are a charitable organization who last month hosted a Poker Run that raised \$8,000 for flags and flagpoles to be placed at the Military Order of the Purple Heart Memorial in Zephyr Park. That run included more than 70 motorcycle riders that stopped at businesses in Zephyrhills, Dade City, San Antonio and Wesley Chapel.

Meals on Wheels and school programs, most notably at Chester B. Taylor Elementary, which is in close proximity to the former New River Road building, are among the group's other philanthropic efforts.

"I think they'll be a good group of people and they'll bring people downtown," Burgess said.

Melonie Monson, executive director of the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, concurred. She said the Eagles joined the chamber in August.

"I talked to them beforehand when they were looking at the building," Monson said, adding, "We're real excited about what they're bringing downtown. They're going to be having quite a few different events at their facility down here."

The Eagles take part in Main Street Zephyrhills' Music and Motorcycles and Daff said last year they attracted 32 members during a membership drive at that event.

"A lot of them are happy we're moving down there," Daff said. "It'll help with all the (downtown) events."

Like Burgess said, Monson emphasized that the Eagles relocating to the area "will feed off our business downtown. What better thing to have than bringing people downtown."

Added Hochstetler, "I think it's going to draw more people in the community and it's going to be one of the better clubs in the community."



Left: The former building for the Zephyrhills Eagles off New River Road in Wesley Chapel is now closed.

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