High bacteria counts at two PSL sites

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Don't swim in the North Fork of the St. Lucie River at Veterans Park and River Park in Port St. Lucie.

The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County issued a warning Thursday afternoon of high levels of enteric bacteria, an indication of fecal pollution, in samples taken Monday and Wednesday at both sites.

Potential health risks for those who ingest or come in contact with the water include upset stomach, diarrhea, eye irritation and skin rashes.

How bad is it?

The health department considers levels above 70 enteric bacteria colonies in a 100-milliliter water sample to be unsafe. This weeks samples in the North Forks had bacteria levels of:

- **Veterans Park:** 124 Monday, 591 Wednesday
- **River Park:** 207 Monday, 429 Wednesday

The high-level areas will be tested again Monday. The advisories will remain in effect until results show consistent readings in the good range.

Samples taken this week at sites in Martin County — Leighton Park on the St. Lucie River in Palm City, Sandsprit Park on the river in Port Salerno and the Stuart Sandbar in the Indian River Lagoon between Sewall's Point and Sailfish Point — were all in the acceptable range.

The Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County issued a warning Thursday to stay out of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River at two sites in Port St. Lucie, much like this warning posted in July 2018 at Leighton Park on the river in Palm City.
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What causes it?

The bacteria typically gets in waterways when heavy rains — like those in the area recently — wash fecal matter from pets, livestock and wildlife into the water.

Leaky septic systems and sewage lines also can cause the bacteria to enter waterways.

How's the water?: Check on the status of the water near you with our interactive map. Note: The map will not reflect the new advisories until an auto-update at 5 p.m.

FELONY ARRESTS

Jarrad Maliak Johnson, 25, 1600 block of Southeast Dixie Highway, Stuart; warrant for failure to redeliver hired vehicle.
Tyler Anthony Scott, 23, 900 block of Mades Drive, Fort Pierce; warrant for unlawful use of a two-way communications device.
Jason Michael Travis, 44, 900 block of Southwest 28th Street, Palm City; driving while license suspended.
Virginia Marie Tatem, 25, 4400 block of Southeast Village Road, Stuart; warrant for grand theft of property.
Cheyenne Marie Woodring, 22, 7700 block of Southeast Federal Highway, Hobe Sound; possession of fentanyl. Arrested in Indian River County.

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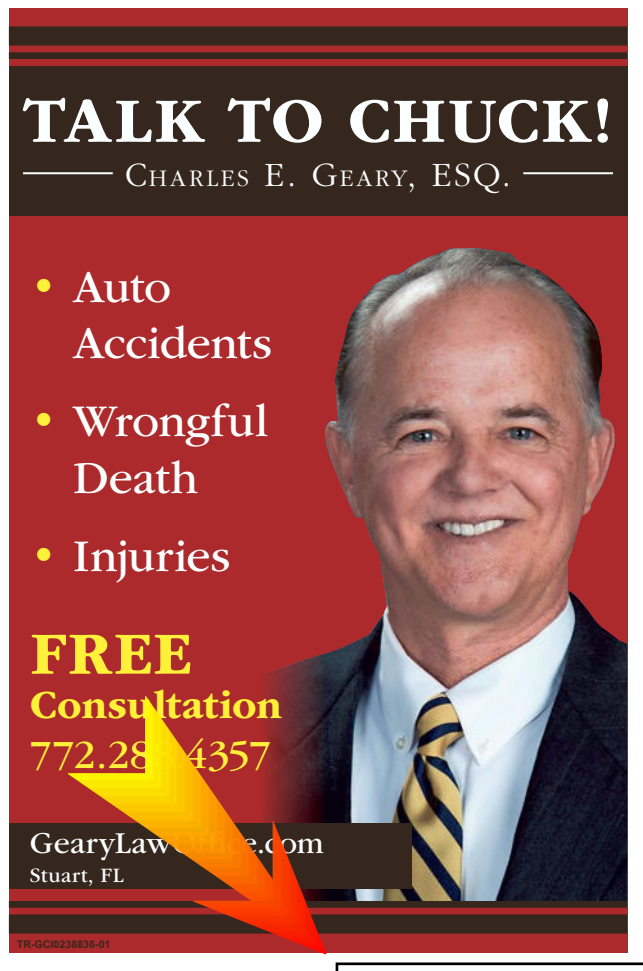


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct public hearings on August 27, 2019, beginning at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter as the items may be heard, to review the following items:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS CPA 19-3, UTILITIES EXTENSION, AND 19-14, CHAPTER 10, SANITARY SEWER SERVICES ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN, MARTIN COUNTY CODE; PROPOSING A COMBINED TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 4, FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT; CHAPTER 10, SANITARY SEWER SERVICES ELEMENT; AND CHAPTER 11, POTABLE WATER SERVICE ELEMENT/10 YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN TO ALLOW FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO A COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE PRIMARY URBAN SERVICE DISTRICT; PROPOSING AMENDED POLICIES TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN CHAPTER 10, SANITARY SEWER SERVICES ELEMENT AND CHAPTER 11, POTABLE WATER SERVICE ELEMENT/10 YEAR WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES WORK PLAN; AND PROPOSING OTHER MODIFICATIONS INCLUDING REMOVING REFERENCES TO INDIANTOWN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. AN ORDINANCE OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 19-09, REALTY TRUST PARCELS, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE MARTIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
In conjunction with

3. A RESOLUTION OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE THE ZONING DISTRICT FROM A-1A (AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT) TO COR-1 (COMMERCIAL OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL) OR THE MOST APPROPRIATE ZONING, ON 9.54 ACRES LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SE WILLOGHBY BLVD. AND SE DARLING ST.

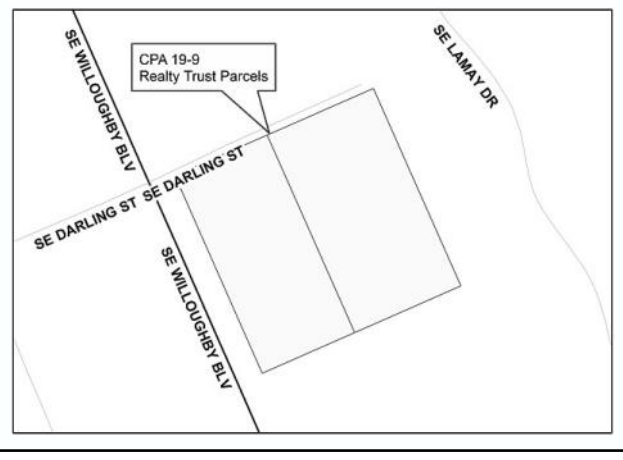
4. CPA 19-07, Grove XXIII Golf Course: A request to amend the text of Chapter 4, Future Land Use Element and Chapter 10, Sanitary Sewer Services Element, Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

5. Application CPA 19-10, Turner Groves: A request to amend the text of Chapter 4, Future Land Use Element, Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Policy 4.13A.9.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. The meeting will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida. Written comments may be sent to: Nicki van Vonno, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. Copies of the items will be available from the Growth Management Department. For more information, contact the Growth Management Department at (772) 288-5495.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding are entitled, at no cost, to the provision of certain assistance. This does not include transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at (772) 320-3131, or the Office of the County Administrator at (772) 288-5400, or in writing to 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL, 34996, no later than three days before the hearing date. Persons using a TTY device, please call 711 Florida Relay Services.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.



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