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**News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table**

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## Back to School Tax Free Days

**August 2-9**

### WHAT IS TAX-FREE?

◆ Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item

◆ Certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item. Included items: pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue, paste, rulers, computer disks, protractors, compasses, and calculators  
Miscellaneous items that are NOT included: printer paper, white-out type products, masking tape

◆ The first \$1,000 of the sales price of personal computers or personal computer-related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

For the complete list go to:

<https://visitevergladescity.com/tax-free/>

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## Opportunities during Covid-19

by Patty Huff



What is it like in Everglades City during these times of uncertainty? We're a small town in the middle of a wilderness, away from the large cities, people and crowds so it's easier to practice social distancing. However, it seems different from previous years with fewer overseas visitors; we're used to hosting more year-round tourists. Our restaurants and museums are open, as well as our state and national parks for recreational activities (their visitor centers

remain closed).

Personally, I have much more time to exercise every day since my meetings in Naples have been replaced with virtual meetings, saving me an hour or more of driving! I'm thoroughly enjoying my peace at home, and it's beautiful walking or cycling around town in the fresh air. Almost daily Steve and I bike 10 miles to Chokoloskee and back; I'm feeling stronger and healthier than ever. If we're not biking, I enjoy an early morning walk, with friends, at a distance. Also, biking to Right Choice, Win-Car or the post office provides additional opportunities to get some exercise. There's no need to get in a car to drive less than a mile to run an errand. I'm also saving on gas! It is encouraging to see more people walking every morning or purchasing bicycles to get out and enjoy the outdoors. To me cycling is the best way to practice social distancing, exercise and breathe in the wonders of the Everglades.

For the past several years my grand-children have come from California to visit me. They love to fish and they love the Everglades, even during our hot, humid and buggy season. This has been the hardest thing for me to experience, not sharing time with the kids this summer. So, we FaceTime a lot! My granddaughter loves to bake and has become very proficient in making various sourdough bread recipes. She's taught me a lot, but I've learned more from experimenting with homemade tahini, hummus, yogurt, granola, pesto, sun-dried tomatoes and various sauces. It's fun and gives me something to do when the afternoon thunderstorms roll through. My granddaughter is currently putting a cookbook together (by the two of us) titled "Restless at Home Recipes", something we've been able to do at a distance. I keep telling my grandkids that they should be doing three things: 1) exercise 2) do something productive (or creative) and 3) make someone smile – every day! It keeps me going when things get tough! Stay safe!

## Collier Board of Commissioners Pass Mandatory Mask Ordinance

On Thursday, July 21, the Collier County Board of Commissioners held an emergency meeting to discuss (again) passing a mandatory mask requirement in Unincorporated Collier County. Naples, Marco and Everglades City are not a part of this mandate, but could opt to pass their own ordinances. The ordinance requires the wearing of masks in stores, businesses, and public areas where social distancing is not possible.

In recent days, many national retailers have issued similar requirements for shoppers in stores. These mandates are a reaction to the surge of cases and deaths in Florida where the number of new cases and deaths are exceeding what we saw in April before the lockdown.

**FREE COVID-19 TESTING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH  
EVERGLADES COMMUNITY CHURCH, EVERGLADES CITY  
10 AM TO 1 PM—NO PRESCRIPTION REQUIRED!**

The City will be having a Drive Thru COVID Testing event on Wednesday August 5, 2020 from 10 until 1pm at the Everglades Community Church. Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida will be conducting the testing.

**JULY 26, 2020 — AUGUST 29, 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 26	27	28	29 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30 am	30	31	August 1
2	3 Full Moon	4	5 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30 am	6	7	Rapper 8 Deadline to get Mail in Ballot Early Voting Starts
9	10	11	12 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30 am	13 First Day of School Early Voting	14	15
Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting
16	17	18 New Moon Primary Election 7 am—7 pm	19 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30 am	20	21	Rapper 22
23	24	25	26 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30 am	27	28	29

September 1: Snook Season Reopens                      September 7: Labor Day                      September 26: Blessing of the Fleet

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., closed until further notice  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-3:30  
 DR DEMARTINO: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552  
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 LIONS CLUB: Closed for summer  
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026  
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer  
 REACH OUT: closed until further notice  
 SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice  
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 THRIFT SHOP: Closed until further notice  
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*Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak-The Glossy Ibis*

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Other names: black curlew, bronze curlew / Status: FL = increasing, IUCN = LC / Length: 19-26 in. (49-66 cm) / Wingspan: 34.5-41 in. (88-105 cm) / Weight: 1.1-1.75 lb (500-800 g) / Life span: to 21 years / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All Counties, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFMAMJJASOND (lower case indicates nesting season).



Like the cattle egret's natural migration, the glossy ibis probably made its way to this side of the Atlantic from Western Africa via the trade winds or possibly caught up in hurricane winds. It was first seen along the northern edge of South America and has been expanding its range ever since. The glossy ibis is the most widespread ibis species in the world, with populations in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, and North America. Similar in behavior to the cattle egret, the glossy ibis

is rapidly acclimatizing to urban and suburban developments. This adaptable bird can often be found foraging along the grassy fringes of parking lots, ball fields, and agricultural areas. The North American population is still expanding, moving into coastal Georgia, South Carolina, and all the way north into Maine.

The brownish immature glossy ibis can easily be mistaken for an immature white ibis. Both birds achieve adult plumage within the first year, however, after which it is all but impossible to confuse the two. The glossy ibis is slightly smaller than the white ibis. Both birds wield distinctive de-curved bills, which they use to ferret out insects, crayfish, grasshoppers, snakes, and grubs. They use these long, slender bills to probe deeply into soft, damp soil in search of prey. Unlike the white ibis, the glossy ibis is rarely found along the coastal beaches, preferring the near-coastal and mainland regions of Florida.

The glossy ibis nests in colonies of other herons and egrets. Its nests are subject to predation by snakes, raccoons, bobcats, opossums, and rats. The adult bird is taken by alligators, great horned owls, and bald eagles, but its reproductive abilities are such that the statewide population is still increasing. Its exceptionally long life span, up to 21 years, is also a factor in its ability to flourish.

Charles Sobczak is an author and photographer from Sanibel Island and has several books available on Amazon.com.

Photo: Glossy Ibis by Judd Patterson

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A Message from Principal Dr. Cherie Allison



Dear EVG friends and families, I hope this finds you well. The past months have been trying on many of our families and as cases rise the need for safety precautions is ever more important. The following has come directly from the CCPS website:

“We know the last few months have caused anxiety and uncertainty about what next school year will look like. On July 6, 2020, the Florida Commissioner of Education issued the following statement regarding the 2020-21 school year:

"All schools open. Upon reopening in August, all school boards and charter school governing boards must open brick and mortar schools at least five days per week for all students, subject to advice and order of the Florida Department of Health, local department of health, Executive Order 20-114 and subsequent executive orders."

2020-2021 SCHOOL START DATE - August 19, 2020 To support these efforts, the Collier County School Board has delayed the student start date to August 19th for campuses and eCollier Academy (eCA). This revised start date will also allow for distribution of one-to-one laptops for grades 1-12 and students enrolled in eCollier Academy (eCA). Collier County Public Schools has spent the last few months extensively planning for a safe return to school. We have been collaborating with the Florida Department of Health-Collier and the Florida Department of Education, listening to medical professionals, convening a community-based workgroup, multiple education groups, and following guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

I am sure that many families are unsure of the opening of the school year for their children. The district has given two options for students. They may either be in school full time or enroll in eCollier virtual with either a set or flexible schedule. If you have not filled out the survey about your students intentions please do so, so that we can prepare accordingly. For those that choose to come to school, the district has mandated the use of face masks and safety goggles for all students, faculty and personnel. Precautions such as deep cleaning, hand washing stations, social distancing and one way hallways will all be put in place before the return of school. Administration is working on making sure all desks are distanced safely apart and classes have plenty of room for safe movement. We are also looking at creating space for outdoor classrooms that teachers may use to get students up and moving and outside. All of our teachers have committed to coming back in person for their students. We are very blessed by our faculty!

We are also looking at dates for rising Pre-K, Kindergarteners and 6th grade students to visit their teachers and see their classrooms. We will be reaching out to families with the dates and times. We will provide videos to students and parents about drop off and pick up, entrances and exits, hallway traffic and breakfast and lunch changes so all children will feel prepared their first day upon returning to school. The school is so empty without all of the laughter and learning and we cannot wait for students to return but we are committed to keeping them safe. Our students are leaders and I KNOW that they will rise to the occasion and overcome any inconvenience to keep each other safe while also being able to socialize and be kids. Things are not close to normal but we are committed to make sure the students have the best learning experiences possible in a safe and caring environment. As always if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me at school 230-377-9804 or at allisc@collierschools.com.

You can also find the answers to frequently asked questions at <http://collierschools.com/reopening/faq>

I look forward to seeing everyone on August the 19th and I hope you are enjoying some wonderful outdoor and family time!

~Dr. Cherie Allison

Museum of the Everglades  
Open to Visitors  
Tues—Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm



Collier County museums are opened to the public! Each property has put into place social distancing measures, and require staff and volunteers to wear masks to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. MOE is currently featuring a display called “Snakes in the Everglades, Predators in Paradise”. The exhibit will be on display now through August 29th. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. To contact the museum call 239-252-5026.

Airboat Tours,  
Restaurants, & Tour Guides Open

Local airboat operators, tour guides and restaurants are open to the public. Families can book rides for airboats by contacting the operators by phone, online or by visiting their location.

A complete listing of airboat operators can be found online at [www.VisitEvergladesCity.com](http://www.VisitEvergladesCity.com) in the directory section of the website. We recommend that you call the operator to verify hours of operation and availability.

Area restaurants are open and their information is also on the website in the directory under “restaurants”.

If you are thinking about taking a fishing trip, check out one of our local guides. There is no better way to spend a summer day than on the water with a knowledgeable guide. There is nothing quite like the beautiful 10,000 Islands where you can see dolphin, sea turtles and manatee frolicking in their natural environment. For business listings go to:

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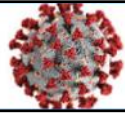
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**Symptoms & Who to Call**

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These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you develop these emergency warning signs for COVID-19, get medical attention immediately:

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- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face



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**Children's Rights**  
By Katherine S. Tullie



*As a former teacher I think about the children all of the time. They deserve to be loved and taken care of. They deserve to have a bright and happy future. We all need to make the children a top priority. That is the theme of my poem called "CHILDREN'S RIGHTS."*

Let's not give up the fight  
For all of our children's rights  
As a former school teacher  
my heart bleeds  
I want our children to be happy  
and to succeed  
Hunger is a part of many  
of their lives every day  
We must not let this continue.  
That's what I say  
Let's do our part any way we can  
Let them not sink into  
the hopeless quicksand  
The children are the future of society  
Why are they not a top priority?  
So let us all step up to the plate  
We must do so before it is too late!  
The children's emotional needs  
also need to be fed  
Many children are in fear  
as they lie in their bed  
Let's all find a way in our hearts and souls  
Giving our children a safe  
and happy future is our goal!



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7/25/2020	Sat	7:22 AM	2.65	H
7/25/2020	Sat	2:05 PM	0.59	L
7/25/2020	Sat	7:04 PM	2.79	H
7/26/2020	Sun	2:38 AM	0.34	L
7/26/2020	Sun	8:04 AM	2.71	H
7/26/2020	Sun	3:14 PM	0.5	L
7/26/2020	Sun	8:26 PM	2.53	H
7/27/2020	Mon	3:33 AM	0.56	L
7/27/2020	Mon	8:50 AM	2.77	H
7/27/2020	Mon	4:30 PM	0.38	L
7/27/2020	Mon	9:53 PM	2.32	H
7/28/2020	Tue	4:35 AM	0.75	L
7/28/2020	Tue	9:41 AM	2.85	H
7/28/2020	Tue	5:40 PM	0.24	L
7/28/2020	Tue	11:24 PM	2.19	H
7/29/2020	Wed	5:38 AM	0.88	L
7/29/2020	Wed	10:36 AM	2.93	H
7/29/2020	Wed	6:45 PM	0.1	L
7/30/2020	Thu	1:13 AM	2.2	H
7/30/2020	Thu	6:40 AM	0.95	L
7/30/2020	Thu	11:35 AM	3.03	H
7/30/2020	Thu	7:46 PM	-0.02	L
7/31/2020	Fri	2:25 AM	2.27	H
7/31/2020	Fri	7:40 AM	0.96	L
7/31/2020	Fri	12:35 PM	3.13	H
7/31/2020	Fri	8:39 PM	-0.1	L
8/1/2020	Sat	3:07 AM	2.33	H
8/1/2020	Sat	8:33 AM	0.93	L
8/1/2020	Sat	1:28 PM	3.24	H
8/1/2020	Sat	9:27 PM	-0.14	L
8/2/2020	Sun	3:38 AM	2.36	H
8/2/2020	Sun	9:22 AM	0.88	L
8/2/2020	Sun	2:12 PM	3.31	H
8/2/2020	Sun	10:11 PM	-0.14	L
8/3/2020	Mon	4:04 AM	2.4	H
8/3/2020	Mon	10:06 AM	0.83	L
8/3/2020	Mon	2:53 PM	3.32	H
8/3/2020	Mon	10:53 PM	-0.09	L
8/4/2020	Tue	4:31 AM	2.45	H
8/4/2020	Tue	10:49 AM	0.78	L
8/4/2020	Tue	3:32 PM	3.28	H
8/4/2020	Tue	11:32 PM	-0.01	L
8/5/2020	Wed	5:00 AM	2.52	H
8/5/2020	Wed	11:31 AM	0.73	L
8/5/2020	Wed	4:13 PM	3.19	H
8/6/2020	Thu	12:10 AM	0.09	L
8/6/2020	Thu	5:32 AM	2.58	H
8/6/2020	Thu	12:12 PM	0.7	L
8/6/2020	Thu	4:55 PM	3.06	H
8/7/2020	Fri	12:46 AM	0.23	L
8/7/2020	Fri	6:06 AM	2.62	H
8/7/2020	Fri	12:54 PM	0.68	L
8/7/2020	Fri	5:41 PM	2.89	H

**Obituaries**

**Jessie Naomi Browning**



Jessie Naomi Allen Browning (formerly Chesser), having lived her life to the fullest, went to her heavenly home on Thursday, June 25, 2020, after succumbing to congestive heart failure.

She was 84 years old.

Jessie was born to Roy and Grace (Kirkland) Allen on July 27, 1935 in Naples, Florida. She was part of a large pioneering family in Southwest Florida and grew up on its sandy shores.

Jessie attended Naples High School where she excelled in sports and was named "Best All Around". She worked many years in the service industry and later in the Collier County Property Appraiser's office. She single-handedly raised 5 children. After her retirement, Jessie wrote two books; a biography on growing up in small town Naples, and a novel that occurs in part in this town she loved. Jessie was an ardent member of the Naples Church of God for most of her life.

In 2014 Jessie found love again and married Amos Browning; she then joined the Chokoloskee Church of God where Amos was a retired pastor. She was active in her community and enjoyed many wonderful, lifelong friendships. She was loved by all who met her. She was an avid gardener who delighted in her blooming orchids.

She was a Christian, devoted to Christ and his church. She is now rejoicing with the angels. Her memorial was held on July 4, 2020.

**Roy Stockner**



Roy Stockner (65), a resident of Copeland, Florida passed away Monday, July 6, 2020 at Naples Community Hospital in Naples, Florida.

Roy was the son of Roberta and James Stockner, Jr. Roy is survived by his wife Christine Stockner, son-Tony Stockner, stepson Lemont Burgess; four sisters and seven brothers.

A Memorial service for Roy will be at Copeland Baptist Church on **Saturday, July 25th, 11:am.**

**VIRTUAL LADIES COFFEE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 AM. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN IN CALL PATTY HUFF AT 239-695-2397.**

The Island Kitchen

Justice Farms Blueberry Cobbler

- 1 stick butter-melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup self rising flour
- 1 cup milk
- 2 to 3 cups fresh blueberries
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon (optional but good)
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg



Pre-heat oven to 350°. Using a 9 x 13 pan, pour melted butter into pan. Mix flour, sugar and cinnamon together, and then add the add milk. Mix well. Pour mixture over melted butter. Distribute the blueberries over the batter. If the berries are very tart, you can add 1/4 cup of sugar to the berries, mix it well, and then top the batter mixture with the berries.

Bake for 35-45 minutes or until the edges turn brown and the center is set. Serve it warm topped with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. It is also delicious served cold.

You can use this recipe for any fruit cobbler! Substitute apples, peaches, nectarines, pitted cherries, or any other berries for the blueberries. Adjust the sugar and spices based on the tartness or sweetness of the fruits. Enjoy!



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

Behold! The Great Toddler Meltdown

My fellow citizens, we are witnessing an event of epic proportions. Something we never expected. Something we are obviously not prepared for. Beware! The Great Toddler Meltdown is happening now in a City or Town near you. In fact, it's happening all across America.

"I will wear a mask", "I won't wear a mask", we should be ashamed of ourselves. For goodness sakes, when did we lose every ounce of tolerance?

When did it become a rights infringement to feel, or maybe even be (oh heavens!), inconvenienced? Our country was founded on sacrifice - not selfishness.

This is not a red problem or a blue problem. This is a red, white, and blue problem. We must work on understanding others opinions, and *we must be respectful when we don't*.

I do wear a mask. I wish you would too. Not for me, for our senior generation who are most vulnerable. I refuse to let my own inconvenience justify putting them at additional risk. And, nobody argues that they are the ones at the greatest risk.

Our seniors deserve better. My parents would have deserved better. Your parents too. It's called respect. It's like saying, "no sir", and "yes ma'am". You just do it.

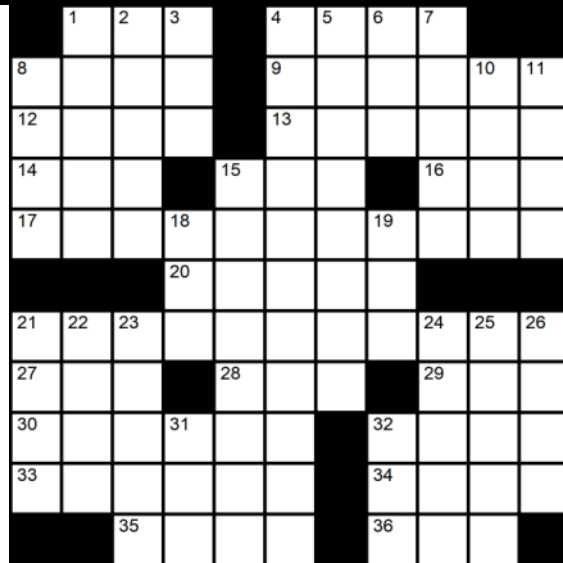
However, this back and forth from all sides is too much. It is tearing us apart at the seams. Everyone has to know it is unhealthy physically, emotionally, and spiritually to be at constant odds with each other. Division is not the American way. Respectfully disagreeing on the issues is. Remember the saying, "no two minds think alike?"

No matter how things are settled about half of us will be disappointed. That's life. We need to deal with it in a respectful and mature manner, and not like a nursery room filled with 3-year-olds who didn't get their afternoon nap. United We Stand. Divided We Fall.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Encountered
- 4 "Whoops!"
- 8 "Triumphal March" opera
- 9 Just out
- 12 Eldest "Brady Bunch" son
- 13 W E B Griffin's "--- Arms"
- 14 Bill producer
- 15 Cold water fish
- 16 Home for some rats
- 17 Star of Basic Instinct
- 20 Pageant host
- 21 Kind of large book
- 27 At a great distance
- 28 M L B long balls
- 29 Far from strict
- 30 Singled out
- 32 Charge per unit
- 33 Surgical seam
- 34 Banking stability agency
- 35 Careful attention
- 36 Barbie's beau
- 38 In fourth grade, perhaps



Down

- 1 Merriment
- 2 Fluid buildup
- 3 Label
- 4 Indifferent
- 5 Telemarketers' equipment
- 6 They give a hoot
- 7 Greeting
- 8 "Jumpin' Jack Flash, it's --- ..." (Rolling Stones)
- 10 --- and Ollie
- 11 Soliloquy starter in "Hamlet"
- 15 Summoning command
- 18 Umps cousin?
- 19 Common cargo for old-time clippers
- 21 Banned aerosol propellants
- 22 "From Here to Eternity" island
- 23 Foam on the beach
- 24 Bit of grass
- 25 Tacitus' tongue
- 26 Office big cheese
- 31 Not Johnny Cash's favorite name for a

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9 am—7 pm Daily

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9 am—3 pm MON—SAT

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CITY SEAFOOD

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HOLE IN THE WALL PIZZA

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(239) 695-4444

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6 am—10 pm (239) 695-4222

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12 pm—8 pm (239) 695-2101

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Wednesday, 11 am to 2 pm

Everglades Community Church

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General Questions:

If you have any questions, call Everglades City Hall (239) 695-3781.

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