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## News Release

### MRC's International Mangrove Day Celebration: Mangroves Matter!

DATELINE — 6/14/2019, Marine Resources Council 3275 Dixie Hwy NE Palm Bay, FL 32905.

The Marine Resources Council (MRC) is hosting a social in celebration of International Mangrove Day to help raise awareness and funds to restore the Indian River Lagoon, Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> (9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.). The event highlights a delicious menu from the Coastal Crab Co., live local sound waves, a mangrove donation/planting drive, along with the MRC Science, Education, and Mangrove Teams who are excited to answer all your mangrove & lagoon questions. The event features education presentations, a rain barrel workshop, mangrove propagule collection contest, artisan rain barrel auction, silent auction, prizes, and more. Please bring extra clams to help with the fundraising fun. View full event details below.

**Date:** Saturday, July 20, 2019 **Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Marine Resources Council's Ted Moorhead Lagoon House Learning Center at 3275 Dixie Hwy NE Palm Bay, FL 32905.

**Audience:** Open to the general public.

**Fee:** Free event. Please RSVP at <https://mangroveday.eventbrite.com> or call 321.725.7775.

Attendees are encouraged to preorder food, merchandise, & VIP Passes at time of registration.

**Now seeking event volunteers, sponsors, vendors, & auction donations! To get involved please visit** <https://savetheirl.org/whats-new/international-mangrove-day-celebration/> or Email Steve at SharkeyMRC@gmail.com.

#### Event Features:

- **Mangrove Donation Drive.** For every \$20 raised MRC will plant 1 mangrove into the IRL estuary. To contribute please register at <https://mangroveday.eventbrite.com>.
- **Rain Barrel Workshop** (9:30 a.m.) Free to attend. \$55 to build a 55-gallon rain barrel at the workshop to take home. The City of Melbourne is offering a \$50 rain barrel rebate for its residents at <https://www.melbourneflorida.org/departments/public-works-utilities/environmental-community-outreach/rain-barrel-rebate>. Learn the benefits of saving water and how to construct a rain barrel. One barrel can prevent over 50,000 gallons of polluted stormwater from entering the lagoon.
- **MRC Mangrove Talk** (10:30 a.m.) Learn the importance of mangroves in the Indian River Lagoon and the regulations in place to protect them. This is great for lagoon residents to learn how to manage their mangroves and restore their shorelines.
- **Mangrove Propagule Collection Contest!** Propagules are starting to fall and wash up on our beaches and lagoon shorelines. The attendee that brings the most live mangrove seeds and propagules to the event will win a 55-gallon Rain Barrel and an event t-shirt. (Propagules must be turned in by 10:30 a.m. the day of the event. Winner will be announced at 1 p.m.)
- **Mangrove Potting/Planting Workshop** (11 a.m.) Come get your hands dirty with mangroves! (Adopt a Mangrove and join the MRC Mangrove Team! You can register to learn how to grow mangroves at your home, for MRC's future shoreline restoration projects.)
- **Coastal Crab Company Menu:** (Food service 11:30 – 1:30)
  - Choice of garlic shrimp or BBQ Pulled Pork with sides: sausage, crab rice, potatoes, & corn

- **Live Local Soundwaves & Music** (11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.)
- **Education Presentation TBA** (12:30)
- **Local Vendors, Art, & Gift Booths**
- **Purchase a limited edition event shirt to show your support.** Shirts are only available on a preorder basis (\$20 & must order by 7/14). Proceeds go to MRC's effort to save the Indian River Lagoon.
- **Sponsor Event T-Shirt.** Place your company's logo on event fundraising shirts with a \$100 event sponsorship. Please visit <https://mangroveday.eventbrite.com> for sponsorship registration.

**Featured Event Vendor:** Coastal Crab Co.

**Media Partners:** WFIT, Florida Today, Hometown News, Brevard Business News, & Google

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**For more event information and to register please visit:** <https://mangroveday.eventbrite.com>

**Facebook event page:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/384898715453470/>.

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