



## WELCOME TO THE TREASURE COAST SCENIC HIGHWAY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.

We're thrilled to have you along for the ride as we explore the natural beauty, vibrant communities, and hidden gems that make the Treasure Coast a place like no other. Each Season, we'll bring you the latest updates, upcoming events, local spotlights, and ways you can get involved in preserving and celebrating this stunning stretch of Florida's coastline. Whether you're a long-time resident, a new neighbor, or a visitor passing through, there's always something new to discover along the Indian River Lagoon - Treasure Coast Scenic Highway.



# HIGHWAY HIGHLIGHTS

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## Treasure Coast Scenic Highway

### Member Spotlight

Few people know the significance and beauty of Indian River Drive better than Diana Gregory, the dedicated Chairwoman of the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee. Diana has been an active member of TCSHC since 2017. In this interview she shares her joy for stewardship and her love for one of Florida's most picturesque corridors.



**Tell us about yourself:** I've lived in my home in Jensen Beach - Indian River Drive for 30 years. I retired from a career in nursing after 50 years and now enjoy volunteering for several non-profit organizations. Gardening, reading, and watching the birds keeps me happy.

**Tell us about your experience volunteering with the Florida Scenic Highways Program?** My experience with the program has allowed me to both contribute back to my community and to learn about the multiple entities that touch and influence our scenic highway.

**What initially attracted you to the Indian River Lagoon - Treasure Coast Scenic Highway?** I was initially invited to attend a scheduled meeting by a neighbor who had been involved with the program and have been coming back ever since.

**What are the intrinsic qualities of your byway that make it unique?** Historically, it is the same ribbon of road that was used to transport pineapples to be shipped from the port in Ft. Pierce in the early 1900's. There are no commercial distractions, only landscape and homes.

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## Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Member Spotlight

**What does the future look like for the Indian River Lagoon – Treasure Coast Scenic Highway?** Preservation of history and its environment will become even more essential as rural areas are converted into extensions of towns and commerce. The Scenic Highway Program itself will help to ensure that we keep this "treasure" of a byway.

**Which byway would you most like to visit (besides your own!) and why?** I would like to see a newer byway that is just beginning its journey. Why: to see how it starts, why it was chosen, and watch it grow.

## Committee Members Needed



## Join Us in Preserving the Beauty of the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway!

Are you passionate about protecting Florida's natural beauty and cultural heritage? Do you want to make a meaningful impact in your community? The Treasure Coast Scenic Highway Committee is looking for enthusiastic new members to join our team! As a committee member, you'll have the opportunity to collaborate with local leaders, residents, and organizations to promote tourism, sustainability and community pride. Whether you're a long-time resident, a business owner, or simply someone who loves the charm of the Treasure Coast, we welcome your voice and vision. Contact Stephanie Torres, St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization at [stephanie.torres@stlucieco.gov](mailto:stephanie.torres@stlucieco.gov).



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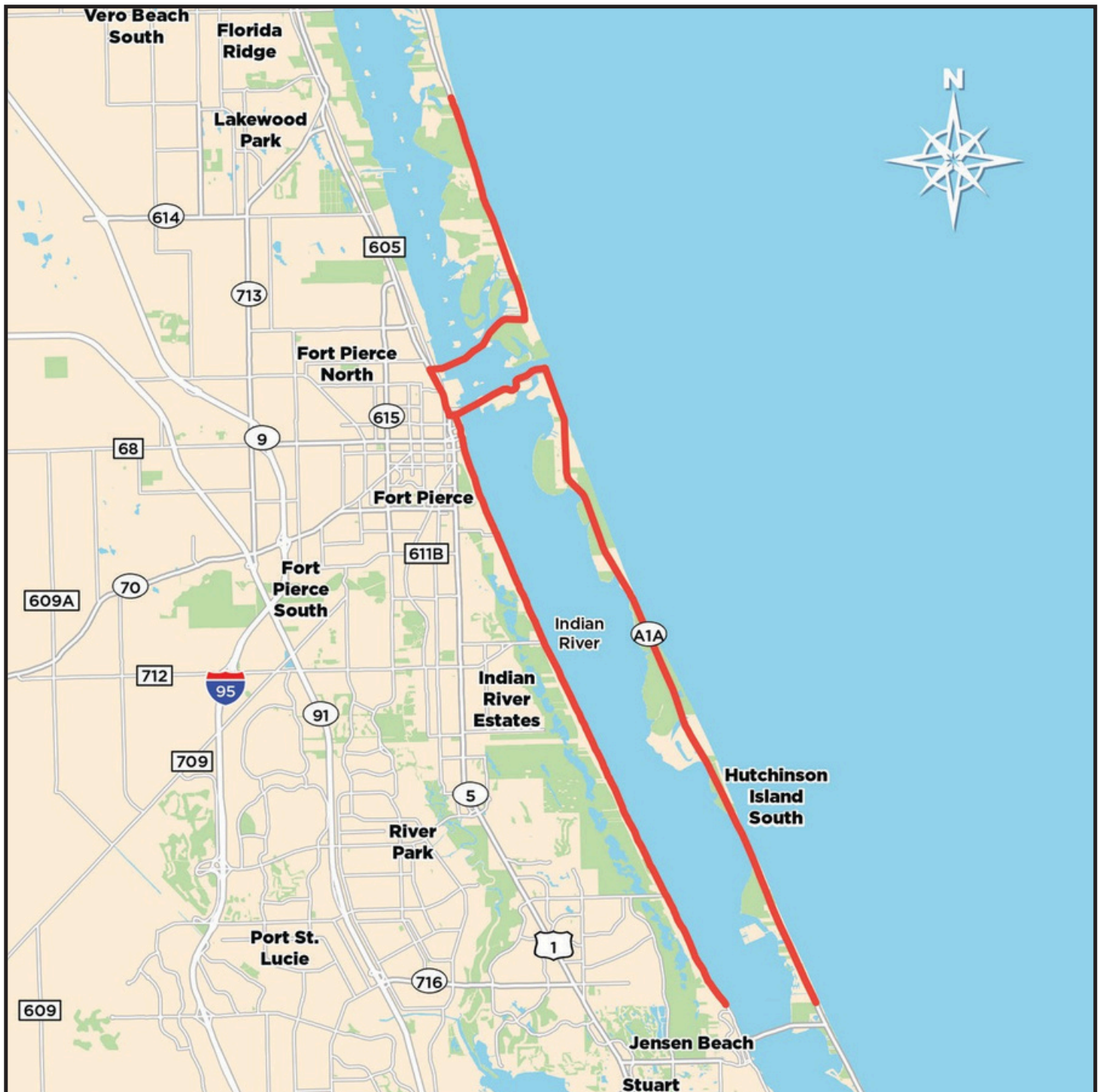
Real Places. Real Stories.™

Great views of the Indian River Lagoon, the Atlantic Ocean can be enjoyed along this byway, which is filled with historical, cultural and environmental resources. World War II soldiers trained on Florida's beaches here in preparation for the Normandy invasion, and numerous artists and writers have been inspired by the beauty of the region.

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**Length of the Byway:** 42 Miles  
**Designation Date:** Dec. 14, 2005  
**FDOT District:** 4

## ***Indian River Lagoon - Treasure Coast Scenic Highway***



For more about our byway collection, visit [floridascenichighways.com](http://floridascenichighways.com)  
Florida Scenic Highways is a program of the Florida Department of Transportation

# HIGHWAY HIGHLIGHTS



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## **Family Fun in the Sun - National Kids to Parks Day is Coming to Museum Pointe Park!**

Each year, National Kids to Parks Day encourages families across the country to unplug, step outside, and explore the natural wonders right in their own community. In celebration of this special day, we sat down with Alexander-Nathan Marsh, Recreation and Events Coordinator with St. Lucie County to talk about the importance of outdoor play, and how getting kids outdoors and off screens is more vital than ever.

**Can you tell us a little about your role in organizing this year's National Kids to Parks Day?** I help bring events like this to life by coordinating with community partners, handling event logistics, and making sure the event offers something for everyone to enjoy.

**What is the mission behind National Kids to Parks Day, and why is it important for communities like ours?** The mission is to encourage families to get outside and connect with their local parks. For a community like ours, it's a great way to promote healthy living, get kids off screens, and highlight the amazing outdoor spaces we have here in St. Lucie County.

**The event is taking place along the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway. What activities or experiences can families look forward to at this year's event?** Families can expect all kinds of fun—hands-on nature activities, bike rodeos, bounce houses, music, and interactive booths from a bunch of community partners. There'll be something for every age group, and it's all about getting active and enjoying the day together.

### **Why do you think St. Lucie County and the Treasure Coast Scenic Highway is such a special place to celebrate outdoor fun and family time?**

Our parks, beaches, and scenic spots make this area a natural fit for events like this. What makes it even more special is the people—local families, organizations, and volunteers who really care about building strong communities. That's what makes celebrating here so meaningful.



National Kids to Parks Day is taking place on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm at Museum Pointe Park in Fort Pierce. 414 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL. 34949.



# Go Play OUTSIDE

## Save the Date!

Join us for **National Kids to Parks Day** on Saturday, May 17 for a FREE day of outdoor fun at your local park!



**Games ★ Bike Safety Rodeo ★ Mega Obstacle Course**  
**★ Educational Activities ★ And More!**

## Museum Pointe Park

414 Seaway Drive Fort Pierce FL 34949



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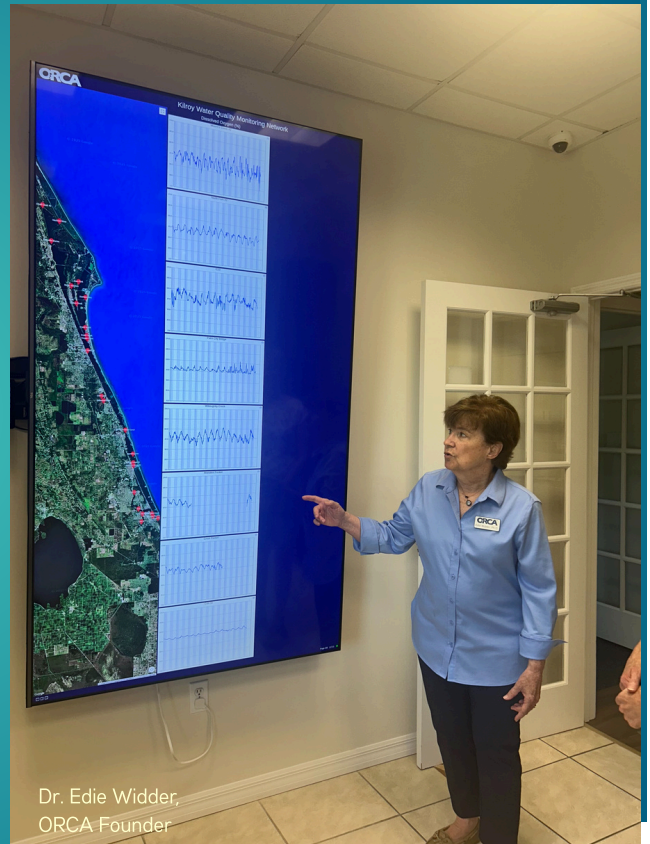
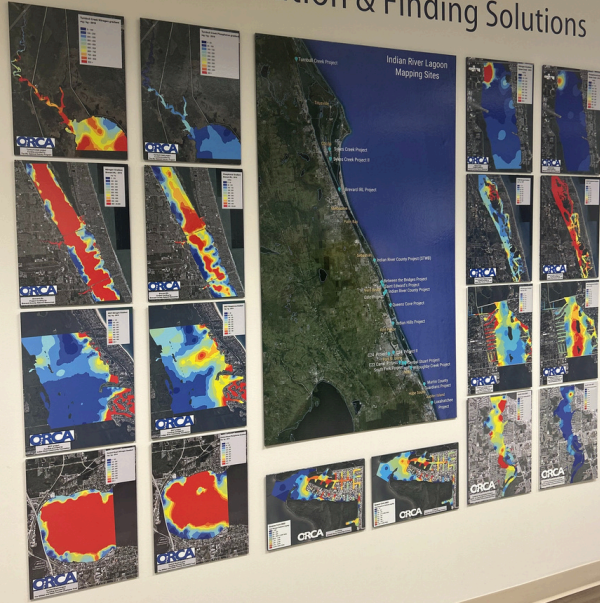
# ORCA

## (Ocean Research Conservation Association)

### Open House

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#### Mapping Pollution & Finding Solutions



Dr. Edie Widder,  
ORCA Founder

ORCA's Laboratory Open House provided a behind the scenes look into their efforts in keeping the Indian River Lagoon healthy. It was both inspiring and eye-opening to learn about the innovative work monitoring and improving the water quality of one of the most bio-diverse estuaries in the Nation. From cutting-edge technology to passionate local advocacy, ORCA is leading the charge in protecting our waters for future generations. We are especially excited about the potential collaboration between ORCA and the TCSHC to further raise awareness and strengthen efforts in preserving our regions natural beauty

Looking to get involved? ORCA Citizen Scientist Days take place on a monthly basis. Visit [teamorca.com](http://teamorca.com) to learn more and discover how you can support this vital mission.



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