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Rants & Raves

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The Rants and Raves section provides a chance for readers to share their thoughts with other readers. The opinions included are not those of Hometown News or its employees

Please limit your submissions to 250 words, so that we can include more entries. Readers are asked to refrain from making libelous statements.

There are many different ways to pay utility bills

To the senior who wrote in about her water bill, personally I don't like paying bills online.

I want a receipt for proof I paid my bill.

Also, I don't like paying bills with my checkbook.

Also, the personal interaction with a human is going by the wayside and I don't like it.

Thank you, *Hometown News*.

I filed a police report and then I went to Winn Dixie. I could only scrounge up \$26, I was short \$12.

I went to the truck to maybe find more. I couldn't.

I went back into the store and the cashier said some man heard my story and paid for my groceries.

I almost cried.

Caring people are hard to come by.

Then there's another man who found my wallet in a ditch, called my number and dropped it off last night.

God bless these nice men.

Rant about dollar store is not true

How can anyone rant about my local Dollar General store on Jupiter? It's not true.

They said that people were dealing drugs out of there and there were prostitutes hanging out front.

So untrue.

This Dollar General is across from the fire station. I go there daily and have seen nothing like that. It is a good store.

So whoever wrote that needs to take it back.

We are a great middle-class neighborhood.

Be thankful for Good Samaritans; caring people hard to come by

Someone stole my purse at Walgreens on north Malabar.

I had to cancel my credit cards and get a new license etc.

I had no access to any money.

SCAT needs to put some thought into updating routes

I no longer drive and am dependent on Space Coast Area Transit (SCAT) to get to my doctor's office or on occasion to shop for necessities.

The routes and stops need to be reviewed.

To get to Palm Bay Hospital or doctors on that stretch of Malabar Road from NW Palm Bay, one must take one bus, then at Walmart on Malabar Road, get off and wait 40 minutes for a connecting bus to the hospital.

The bus stops are ridiculously placed randomly along major roads.

A disabled or elderly person has to walk a considerable distance to the entrances of stores in all kinds of weather.

The stops with benches or covering are few and far between.

Then return to those stops carrying packages. Who thought out this plan? Why can't a bus pull into Winn-Dixie,

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Seafood, eat food



Alex Schierholtz/Staff photographer

Robert Propst of Cocoa helps himself to seafood during the Space Coast Seafood and Music Fest on Feb. 17 at Space Coast Daily Park in Viera.

Be a part of the solution

Dear friends,
Thank you to all who participated in our 1951 Ford Victoria raffle on Feb. 10 at the American Muscle Car Museum. We had more than 1,200 in attendance, the food was great, we almost ran out of wine, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Those who are muscle car aficionados had a rare treat looking at the 252 muscle cars that Mark Pieloch has assembled at the Museum.

It was a win-win for all as the event raised \$55,000, and for that Helping Seniors truly thanks you.

Now we are planning the 2018 event. Pieloch, the owner of the museum, has invited us back for a return engagement, while A.J. Hiers has agreed to us having a new Dodge Truck, Dodge Charger, Mazda, and one other car from which the winner would have their pick. This can make for an interesting raffle, and \$25 a ticket is a good price, for it will help us continue our programs of assistance to seniors and their caregivers in Brevard County.

In addition to our car raffle, we raise



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money through a federal program called the Community Development Block Grant Program. Under this program, Helping Seniors received \$15,000 from Palm Bay to provide services to low-income seniors who live there.

Like many government programs you have to step through a number of wickets en route to the final objective. In this case it means answering questions and signing papers. If you qualify and need assistance, please call Kay, our Information Specialist, at (321) 473-7770.

John Byron recently had a column in Florida Today addressing nonprofit organizations. It was a well-intended column, but failed to show a strong understanding of the need for nonprofits

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that serve those in need. This failure of writers to understand the significance of what nonprofits do is a great concern to me.

Saying that county staff does a great job is also a concern. Do you think the county could manage Meals on Wheels as well as Aging Matters, or has the knowledge to provide information as does Helping Seniors? I assure you that they do not.

A similar argument could be made for the agencies that Mr. Byron listed as logical candidates for county line item budgeting, and in this regard I certainly differ from him.

We need a better understanding of how we budget for what really serves seniors.

The problem of funding services for seniors will only get worse, and just saying there are programs to do the work is far from the truth.

We have a problem that does not have a logical solution in place to resolve it.

Ten years ago we voted to increase the funding for nonprofits to \$1 million.

Now we say we do not need them. Who will fill the void caused by the loss of the nonprofits we now have to meet a demonstrated need?

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Walmart, Publix, or businesses on the opposite side of the roadway?

If you qualify for "curb to curb" (para transit) service, you "must schedule" your trip as soon as they are open and "exactly one week prior to your appointment."

It is first-come, first-served whether it is for an appointment or shopping at the mall.

Recently I scheduled a doctor's appointment for 10:30 a.m.

Pick-up will be at 8:30 a.m., then arrive for my one-hour appointment, and pick-up to return home will be 12:30 p.m., meaning the estimated 8-mile trip should have me home before 1:30 p.m. This is a long day for an old lady.

One last comment. Why can't there be some kind of transportation for church?

Trump haters out there need to 'get over it'

I am responding to the entry "Calling all Women who've been sexually Abused by (President) Trump."

Women's attorney Lisa Bloom's cash pile of hundreds of thousands of dollars accumulated by Trump haters to offer women to accuse Trump of sexual abuse went nowhere. Why do you think some person in Melbourne, Florida, trying to "dog whistle" women to come forward, smear our President, and accuse Trump is worthy of publication in this market? Who is this

person to call on anything? Another Trump hater.

Trump's comments were locker room talk that secretly was recorded years ago and held by the media until they thought it was something that could wound him in his presidential campaign.

Seems like *Hometown News*, which is home town, not mainstream, has joined the other mainstream media in trying to slander our President, who is doing an incredible job despite 95 percent negative reporting by the liberal left media.

I had thought the paper had moved away from this type of tabloid assassination.

Trump was elected by the people in an electoral landslide, which for those who never studied government, is how presidents are elected in America.

For all those Trump haters out there, "get over it."

The rest of the country had to suffer through Barack Obama, the worst president in history, and Hillary.

Sorry to see that *Hometown News* has slipped low enough to print this garbage, I thought they quit doing it long ago. Shame on you.

Getting towed in Melbourne seems to be status quo

Three couples recently traveled to Melbourne to see a musical at the Henegar Center on a Friday night.

Parking in old Melbourne on a Friday night is next to impossible as anyone who has visited there can attest.

I dropped the other five at the door and

swung into a nearby lot.

Because of traffic, I entered the lot on the exit side and parked.

The musical ran long and when we reached where I parked the car, it was gone.

It had been towed just minutes before our arrival.

There weren't any no parking or towing zone signs where I entered the lot.

Were we interfering with a business purpose at 10:45 on a Friday night?

How visitor friendly is a business that issues a towing order under these circumstances?

Did they not see the handicap parking placard?

The taxi driver who took us to the impound lot informed us this is a common practice in Melbourne, i.e. tow at the drop of the hat.

We will limit our visits to Melbourne in the future and certainly will spread the word to others that may head that direction.

Police must enforce speed limit in Wickham Park

What has happened to Wikham Park?

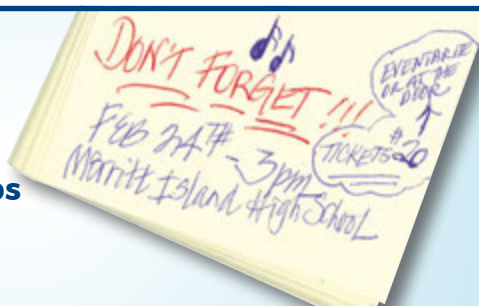
I am a senior citizen and now that they've built the pavilion where the Senior Citizens is people are flying through there at high rates of speed. That's where I also walk my dog. We've almost gotten hit several times.

No one drives 15 mph in that zone.

We need police in Wickham Park enforcing the speed limit.

- Space Coast Chorus
- Pink Flamingo
- Barbershop Quartet
- Sunshine District Champs

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