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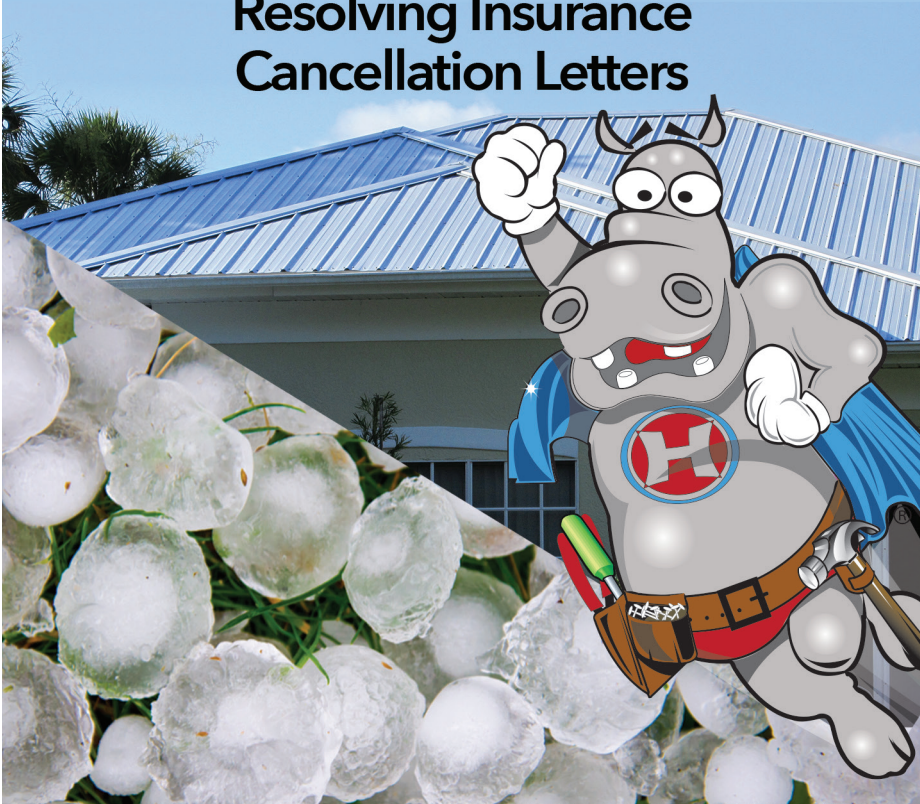
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## Printmaking class to start on June 30

**For Hometown News**  
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BREVARD COUNTY — The Studios of Cocoa Beach, 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach will host a printmaking workshop on Saturday, June 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The class will explore different techniques for creating prints. Instruction will start with foam, then progress to linoleum and gelli plates.

Making prints does not necessarily involve creating multiple copies of the same artwork. In fact, gelli is a (non-animal derived) gelatin-based plate used to make monoprints by stenciling, layering, and other almost “magical” techniques to create amazing artworks.

Once you learn the basics, you can use print making techniques to create abstract artwork, journal pages, greeting cards, printed fabric, and much more.

Instructor Glauca Romano has a master's degree in art education and is a certified art educator in the state of Florida. She has taught art classes for at least 15 years in the public and private sectors, mostly to children, but also to adults. She has a wide knowledge of a variety of media and processes and can't wait to share them with you!

The fee for the class is \$75, which includes all needed equipment including gelli plates, brayers, and a multitude of materials to explore and create fun and expressive artwork. Register for class at [www.studiosofcocoa-beach.org](http://www.studiosofcocoa-beach.org).

The studios' workshop room is behind the gallery at 165 Minutemen Causeway in downtown Cocoa Beach. The gallery is open Monday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on the gallery, artist profiles, and all upcoming classes, visit the website or follow the Studios on Facebook and Instagram.

## The can is getting there, but —??

New housing is being built in Rockledge, another group wants to build in Melbourne, and Viera has all types of housing being constructed. But is it the kind of housing needed to help the people we have been talking about for several years?

The answer is yes and no. We need apartments and homes to meet a variety of financial needs.

Some people have savings or an income to buy more expensive single-family homes or condos. Other people just entering the workforce or with young families require more modest rentals. Still other people cannot afford the rental market and need subsidized housing, including seniors living on a fixed income. In our society there will always be those who need our help, and no shame should be attached.

This is a scenario with which I am familiar. I lived in government housing called the “Project” from 1943 to 1946. It was a cinder block, two-story apartment with three small bedrooms and two baths upstairs, and a living room, kitchen, and broom closet downstairs.

By today's standards I am not sure how four adults and three young boys could fit in what we had, but we did. There sure was a lot of love and huddling when we went to church every Sunday with Dad and my brothers in the back of the stake truck. There was no car, but almost everything was close enough to walk.

Back then, we did not know what Section 8 or Section 202 housing meant. We did, however, know that some families, even though they worked hard, needed help to put a roof over their heads. My buddies lived in rented homes, small homes their families owned, paid mortgages, or just lived month to month. There was no disgrace in this.

Fast forward some 75 years. We still have



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the same types of families, but we sure look differently at them. We have needs in our community that we all should step up to meet. Just as we take the challenge of feeding youngsters for school and providing them shelter, we also have seniors and others with medical, physical, and mental challenges who need a decent place to live.

Where would you want to live? Would it be in a high crime area if you were a single parent with three young children? If you were a senior citizen, would you want to live in a trash littered place with broken sidewalks and no transportation? Was it your fault that you developed macular degeneration and lost most of your eyesight or were disabled in some way?

Think about the half cent tax that I mentioned in a recent article. In one year, we could build the housing I am talking about and finally start solving a problem that has plagued us for years.

Would you miss a half cent tax if you knew it would stop the can being kicked down the road?

How many articles must I write before the staff of our elected officials and the Housing and Human Services Department make the Commissioners aware of this need? That is their job.

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