



# Week in Review

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## Main Street Treats City Staff To Pizza Party

Many thanks to **Main Street Bartow** and Executive Director Linda Holcomb for treating City staff to a pizza party last Thursday to show appreciation for their support of the City's support of Main Street's events.



## Union Academy Alumni Celebrate School's History

Union Academy was established in 1897, teaching students the importance of education for individuals as well as for our communities and nation for 128 years, until its closing in 1969.

Last year, the Union Academy High School Alumni



Association rebranded as the Greater Union Academy High School Alumni Association, retaining its mission of providing scholarships for students whose parents, grandparents, or guardians attended or graduated from the historic Union Academy.

To perpetuate the legacy created by the historic Union Academy, the association awards both Legacy and the Legacy Empowerment Scholarships to ensure that students continue to achieve high academic success.

The Greater Union Academy Alumni have witnessed thousands of students who have

continued the proud tradition of excellence long associated with the school, which produced 12 National Football League players as well as thousands of professionals including but not limited to, clergy, military officers and personnel, doctors, nurses, dentists, attorneys, educators, CEOs, entrepreneurs, funeral directors, managers, franchise owners, salespersons and politicians.

This past weekend, Greater Union Academy Alumni gathered to celebrate their Legacy of Champions and their scholarship recipients, as well as to commemorate the school's anniversary and share memories of this outstanding institution.

At their meeting last Monday, Mayor Tucker and the Commission acknowledged the unselfish service by members of the Greater Union Academy High School Alumni Association to the community and extended congratulations to the Association, including the alumni who attended the meeting to accept the proclamation.

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## July 4 Committee Lauded for Service

The residents of Bartow have enjoyed a cherished tradition of celebrating Independence Day with a community-wide event for the past 44 years - 43 of which the City were organized by the July 4th Committee and its volunteer members.

These Bartow residents who have devoted countless hours, energy, and creativity to planning, organizing and hosting this beloved celebration for decades, providing generations of Bartow residents and visitors with memorable festivities, fostering community spirit, and patriotism.



At their last meeting, Mayor Tucker and the City Commission recognized the immeasurable value of volunteerism and the positive impact these individuals have had on our community's quality of life.

With the first year of officially hosting the July 4th festivities under our belt, City staff, especially those from **City of Bartow Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts**, also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the July 4th Committee Members for their years of outstanding service, hard work and commitment to Bartow's Independence Day celebration.

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## Sharing the Green with



# Our Feathered Friends

Sandhill cranes are a special part of our golf course environment at Bartow Golf, and, as a City, we're proud to protect them.

Please remember to admire these beautiful birds from a distance, avoid feeding or approaching them, and give them the space they deserve — on and off the fairway.

Together, we can keep our course a safe, welcoming place for golfers *and* wildlife.

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## Bartow Bash Closes with a Splash!

In this heat, the only way to stay cool is to stay wet and the campers at Bartow Bash did just that when they took on the Island H2O Water Park last week for a day full of sunshine, slides and nonstop fun.

Bartow Bash ended on July 25 after a summer of nonstop friends, fun and fieldtrips like this one. School starts up again on August 11. We hope all our campers enjoyed their summer break with us!



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## Summer Fun Coming to a End at the Bartow Library!

Summer Reading is coming to a close at the Bartow Library. Their final Super Summer Show was held last Wednesday when the amazing husband and wife duo Adetutu and Don Harrell performed at the Bartow Civic Center. 180 people, including the campers from Bartow Bash, attended that show, which featured laughter and learning, music and dance, puppetry and storytelling.

The Library will host an end of summer bash this Saturday, August 2 at 2pm.

The event will feature storytime with Rapunzel. Attendees can also meet a police horse, participate in crafts and enjoy colorful snowcones!

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# MyBartow App is Live

The City of Bartow IT Department has launched a **MyBartow** app, which uses *SeeClickFix*, a tool that empowers residents to report quality-of-life issues and request government services and to track the City's response.

The app is available for both Apple and Android devices from the [App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#). It is downloadable on City cellphones as well as public phones.

Residents also can access the [SeeClickFix service from the City's website](#). Both the app and the *SeeClickFix* webpage allow individuals to make service requests with photos, location information, and other details directly to the City's Customer Service department.



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