



## “AROUND TOWN”

AN UPDATE ON NEWS AND EVENTS FROM  
 PORT CHARLOTTE/NORTH PORT  
 AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

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When you live in Port Charlotte/North Port, or are just visiting over these holidays, we have a couple of suggestions for how to enjoy them in some non-traditional ways. While everyone up north is getting ready for the dread of winter...we're putting on our shorts and slipping into our flip-flops for some unforgettable celebrations "FLORIDA STYLE"!

**THANKSGIVING** is a time to be thankful so why not show how thankful we are to be in Florida with a holiday picnic on the beach? And here's how to do it:

- Get up early on Thanksgiving Day and prepare your turkey and favorite side dishes.
- Carve the turkey and pack all the food in aluminum pans.
- Gather your favorite beverages, plates and utensils and A BIG BLANKET.
- Around 4:00pm head for your favorite nearby beach (we recommend Englewood Beach) for your very first **THANKSGIVING DAY PICNIC ON THE BEACH!**
- Then enjoy your food...and just wait! Because at exactly 5:36pm you are going to experience an amazing Thanksgiving sight you will never forget. That is when the big orange sun will disappear over the Gulf of Mexico as you sit on a beautiful sandy beach celebrating and enjoying your truly unique holiday with family or friends!

**CHRISTMAS** has its traditions. And one we often think of is bundling up and braving the cold for a traditional parade. Well...residents and visitors in Port Charlotte/North Port enjoy it a little differently each year with the Annual Venice Boat Parade of Lights.

Instead of floats...we have boats. One after another, each decorated with colorful lights, some with holiday music, and don't be surprised if you spot Santa Clause on a number of them. The parade route starts just north of the Albee Road Bridge in Venice (approximately 23 miles from the intersection of US 41 and State Road 776 which many consider the geographic center of Port Charlotte/North Port). Many people watch from the public areas along the parade route, including the North and South Jetties while others settle in for a meal and viewing at one of the several restaurants along the route.

This year's parade... the 31<sup>st</sup>...starts at 6 p.m. on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. It's a holiday sight like no other so mark your calendar and enjoy our unique holiday tradition.

***Happy Holidays to all of you from all of us at The Florida Store!***

