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Palmetto spotlights impact fees

The Palmetto City Commission will hear a report from its consultants on impact fees, which are construction taxes charged to new development. Palmetto is planning to implement the fees in accordance with a growth management agreement with Manatee County, the school board and the other Manatee municipalities. Commissioners asked Burton & Associates to look at which fees the city could charge and how to collect them. Burton & Associates will present its findings at the commission's workshop 4 p.m. today at City Hall, 516 Eighth Ave. W.

Manatee Community College's Center for Corporate and Community Development will offer a course in first aid with hands-on demonstrations from 6-10 p.m. Aug. 10 at MCC Lakewood Ranch, 7131 Professional Pkwy. E. Students learn to apply first-aid procedures that can save lives, reduce recovery time and possibly prevent lifelong disability. Certification cards and a textbook are included in the \$25 fee. Information: 363-7000.

Divorce classes

The Center for Corporate and Community Development offers separate sections of a Children and Divorce class at Manatee Community College Lakewood Ranch, 7131 Professional Pkwy E.; MCC Venice, 8000 S. Tamiami Trail; and MCC Bradenton, 5840 26th St. W., Bradenton. Divorced parents learn strategies for helping their children cope in a four-hour course that fulfills a court-ordered requirement of the 12th Judicial Circuit that includes Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto counties. Cost: \$30. Classes offered are: 6-10 p.m. Aug. 11 at MCC Lakewood Ranch; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 13 at MCC Venice; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 20 at MCC Bradenton. For more information or to register: MCC Lakewood Ranch 363-7000; MCC Venice 408-1412; and MCC Bradenton 752-5203.

School readiness board

The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County is currently seeking representatives of the private sector business community to serve on the coalition board of directors. The coalition board is charged with the responsibility of implementing the policies and procedures of the school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten programs for the county, as well as ensuring prudent use of funding in accordance with statutory requirements. Private-sector members must be an owner with at least a 10 percent interest in the business entity or the chief executive, operating officer or management level employee of the business, and neither the private-sector member or their family can derive an income from the early education and care industry. For more information or an application for membership, contact Linda Jimenez at 714-7449, ext. 149.

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