

MAUREEN E. RUPE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- **Born in Northamptonshire, England**
- **33-Year United States Resident**
- **21-Year Brevard County Resident, United States Citizen**
- **Married to Bob Rupe; Bob served 24 years in the Air Force and currently works for United Space Alliance as a project manager**
- **1 son & 5 grandchildren**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **Parrish Medical Center Board Member** (2001 – Present), *Reappointed in 2005 till 2009*
 - Appointed by Brevard County Commission
- **North Brevard Medical Support Board** (2000 – 2001)
 - Appointed by Brevard County Commission
- **Parrish Medical Center, Port St. John Clinic Liaison Committee** (1999 – 2001)
 - Building Committee for Port St. John Medical Center Built in Port St John on U.S. 1
 - Appointed by District 1 County Commissioner Truman Scarborough
- **Brevard County Charter Review Commission Member** (1997 – 1998 /2003 – 2004)
 - Year-long Review of the Brevard County Charter for New Proposals or Changes to Current Charter
 - Appointed by the Brevard County Commission
- **Brevard County 2001 Redistricting Committee**
 - Review every 10 years defining Brevard County District Borders
 - Appointed by Brevard County Commission
- **Elected Port St. John Dependent Advisory Board** (1996 – 2001)
 - Planning & Zoning Board for Port St. John area
 - Initiated this board as Port St. John Homeowners Association President
- **President, Brevard Partnership for a Sustainable Future** (2002 – Present)
 - Elected by Members
 - A coalition of support and networking. Groups include Barrier Island Protection and Preservation Society, Cocoa Beach Citizens Action Committee, Florida Native Plant Society, Conradina & Sea Rocket Chapters, Friends of the Scrub, Healthy Planet of Brevard, League of Women Voters of the Space Coast, Marine Resources Council, Save the Manatee Club • Surfrider Foundation, SAVE the St. Johns River, Sea Turtle Preservation Society, Sierra Club Turtle Coast Group, Space Coast Paddlers, Space Coast Audubon Society, Space Coast Progressive Alliance, The Friends of Enchanted Forest, Inc, Brevard Nature Alliance, Friends of the Carr Refuge, and Individual Members

- Florida Nonprofit Corporation which Serves as a Coalition of Diverse Groups Devoted to Establishing and Maintaining an Economically and Environmentally Sustainable Future for Brevard County.

■ **Marine Resource Council Board of Directors** (2004 – Present)

■ **Port St. John Homeowner's Association**

- President (May 1995 - April 1997) (May 1999 – April 2000)

- Vice President (July 1998 – April 1999)

- Board Member (1989 – 2000)

List of Tasks and Accomplishments (with support of the community)

- Stopped a drug rehab on Grissom north of Camp Road
- Stopped an asphalt plant, and state prison near where I-95 Interchange is presently located
- Helped fight sewers in PSJ since 1998 and convinced county to take PSJ off comprehensive plans requiring sewer
- Fought and stopped a referendum where a group of Titusville Business men wanted to form a new county of North Brevard
- Lobbied for PSJ library, PSJ fire station, and opening of Grissom Blvd north and south of Port St. John
- Fought for a West connector to give PSJ west of I-95 an alternative way out in an emergency
- Campaigned for the PSJ community center, Canaveral Groves Sports Complex and Fay Lake Wilderness Park
- Start the C.O.P. program in Port St. John
- Worked with sheriff's office to implement Community Policing where the community and deputies set it up for \$700.---
- Worked with Geographic department to change streets that had duplicate names and numbers because emergency services was being affected
- Stopped countless commercial rezoning requests in residential areas of PSJ
- Worked 15 Years to get Brevard County Government to Initiate a Health Study on the Combined Pollution from Port St. John Power Plants; Achieved in 2005, Preliminary Study Report showed Potential Health Effects of Residents. In 2006, Due to Preliminary Results, County Commission Voted to Commit \$800,000 for Expanded Study. In April 2008, FPL announced it would be replacing the FPL plant with a new low emission plant starting in 2010.
- Worked with county to implement a PSJ Planning and Zoning Advisory Board. The advisory board was the first in the state to be elected by the people instead of appointed by the county commission
- Fought for sidewalks and crossing guards around Challenger Elementary
- Involved in plans for overpass over US 1 at Fairglen Elementary and Fay Blvd Pedestrian Bridge over I-95
- Worked with county and state to support the people of PSJ in many issues to enhance our quality of life

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- **Land Clearing, Landscaping, and Tree Protection Task Force** (2005 – 2006)
 - Appointed by District 5 County Commissioner Jackie Colon
 - Year-long Review of Land Clearing, Landscaping, and Tree Protection Ordinances, for Recommended Changes, and Combining Ordinances into One Ordinance
- **Brevard County Land Development and Procedures Committee** (2003 – Present)
 - Appointed by District 1 County Commissioner Truman Scarborough
 - Revision of Land Development Ordinances and Policies
- **Space Coast Women League of Voters**
 - Board of Directors (2000 – Present)
 - Chair, Natural Resources Committee (2000 – Present)
- **Audubon, Space Coast Chapter**
 - Board of Directors (2007)
 - Member (2000 – Present)
- **Sierra Club, Turtle Coast Chapter**
 - Board of Directors (Feb.2007)
 - Member (2000 – Present)
- **Port St. John Library Board** (1994 - Present)(4 times Chair)
 - Appointed by District 1 County Commissioner Truman Scarborough
 - Worked for a community library and its recent extension
- **Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Municipal Special Taxing Unit Advisory Committee** (1994)
 - Ran Campaign for Successful Self-Imposed Tax to fund Community Center, Recreational Facilities and Purchase of Fay Lake Wilderness Park
 - Served as model for Brevard County Parks Referendums
- **St. John's River Water Management District Desalination Ad hoc Advisory Committee** (2004 – 2005)
 - Appointed by St. John's River Water Management District
 - Opposed a Desalination Plant on the Indian River Lagoon due to Environmental Impacts; Supporting a Desalination Plant at the Cape Canaveral Port using Seawater to Solve Central Florida's Water Shortage
- **Brevard British Club President** (1989 – Present)
- **Port St. John Citizen Observation Patrol (COP)** (1996 – 2001)
 - As Port St John HOA President helped to Initiate PSJ Program and acquire the PSJ Community Police Unit
- **Brevard County District 1 Transportation Advisory Committee** (1997 – 1999)
 - Appointed by District 1 County Commissioner Truman Scarborough
- **Brevard County Gun Discharge Task Force** (1994)
 - (To Stop Random Shooting into Residential areas adjacent to Fay Lake Park and eventually asked for a Referendum to buy the Park. Passed (82%)
 - Appointed by the Brevard County Commission

- **Brevard Visioning Steering Committee** *(1995 – 1997)*
- **Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Interstate 95 Interchange Committee**
 - Appointed by District 1 County Commissioner Truman Scarborough
 - Worked for I-95 Interchange near Port St. John for 12 Years
- **Founding Member United Scleroderma Foundation, Brevard County Chapter** *(1992 - 1995)*
- **Executive Board Member, Space Coast Progressive Alliance** *(2004 – Present)*
- **Small Area Plan, Port St. John/Canaveral Groves Interchange** *(2005 – Present)*
 - Appointed by District 1 County Commissioner Truman Scarborough
- **Writes monthly articles for Happenings Newspaper and the League of Women Voters of the Space Coast Newsletter**

An excellent record for attendance on all boards and committees