



# INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

DECEMBER 2001

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## *NEW COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE*



Incumbent Councilmembers Vincent Benevente and Bruce Bogert, who were unopposed in the election, began their new two year terms after being sworn in by Town Attorney Paul Gougelman at the November 14, 2001 Council meeting

During the meeting, Mayor Cochran made the following appointments to represent the Town:

*Space Coast League of Cities* – Councilman Benevente, Mayor Cochran, Alternate

*Space Coast League of Cities Intergovernmental Committee* – Councilman Benevente

*Brevard County Water Supply Board* – Councilman Kostro

*South Beaches Coalition* – Councilman Fischer, Mayor Cochran, Alternate

*Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Coalition* – Ray DiZefalo



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## **FREEDOM FEST A SUCCESS!**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the October 6, 2001 Freedom Fest fund raiser. As a result of your generous donations, Indialantic raised almost \$6,500 to donate to the

September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund. In addition to the funds raised by this event, approximately \$7,500 has been turned in to the Fire Department for that fund.

We could not have done it without the contributions from the many merchants who provided the fixins' for the bar-b-que luncheon or the many citizens who gave their time.

Special thanks to the Indialantic Elementary School Chorus for their program of patriotic songs, to Kenny Cohen for entertaining the crowd and to Congressman Weldon and Representative Haridopolis for delivering inspiring remarks.



*Thanks to the Vietnam Veterans of Brevard for their presentation of colors*

*Mayor Cochran*

## RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

### *October 16, 2001 Meeting*

- approved statewide mutual aid agreement for assistance following major disasters
- approved agreement with County and medical director for rescue service medical direction supervision
- awarded Riverside Park observation/fishing pier to JAM construction for \$131,000 deciding not to proceed with construction of an observation deck or gazebo due to limited grant funds
- awarded turn lane construction from US-192 onto S. Riverside Drive and extending the stacking lane on US-192 at SR-A1A to Watson Paving in the amount of \$152,183.75 (construction is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation)
- did not agree to option Dr. Saxe's property at 230 Fifth Avenue – latest purchase price \$160,000
- lowered speed limit on S. Riverside Drive and N.

### NEW FACES IN TOWN

Ocean Breez – 110 Wavecrest – Restaurant

Helen Davis, LMT – 320 Fourth Avenue (Health Connections) – Massage therapy

Sharon Medernach, LMT – 878 N.. Miramar (Indialantic Body Works) – Massage therapy

Java Surf – 110 S. Miramar – Specialty beverages

Antoinette Brown – 414 Fifth Avenue – Cosmetologist

Paul Berg, PA – 321 Sixth Avenue - Attorney

### Local Businesses Receive Recognition

Harbor Federal, Chase Manhattan Mortgage and Morgan Stanley have been featured in recent issues of Brevard Business News. Other Indialantic businesses highlighted were Re/Max Olympic Realty at the corner of Riverside and Fifth Avenue and Location Real Estate on SR-A1A.

## November 14, 2001 Meeting

- elected Bruce Bogert as Deputy Mayor
- approved dates for 2002 art festival – January 19-20 - and craft festivals March 2-3 and July 27-28
- approved amending the cafeteria plan year for employee fringe benefits to December 1 through November 30
- adopted Ordinance 02-01 relating to procedures for quasi-judicial land development permitting and planning procedures
- approved Ordinance 02-03 on first reading relating to annexing the undeveloped tract of land north of Watson Drive east of SR-A1A owned by the State
- presented a summary of the Town Manager’s performance evaluation
- requested the Town Attorney to review the sign ordinance regarding transient signs as well as boats being parking in the front yard of residences
- reviewed a construction bid process



Hoover Middle School students demonstrated their patriotism immediately after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Art class students of teacher Kathy Dunn accepted local commercial property owner Marco Lerra’s offer to place patriotic art work on his storefront windows at 131 Fifth Avenue



## SR-A1A RESURFACING

The milling and resurfacing of SR-A1A south of Fifth Avenue has been postponed by the State until early February, 2002. APAC of Florida, Inc, the contractor awarded the project, will begin work in Melbourne Beach and work north. The project includes the construction of a sidewalk along the west side of Miramar Avenue and limited drainage improvements. FDOT public information contact for this project is Valerie Tutor at (386) 738-7101.



## POLICE BEAT

With the increased media coverage of events at home and abroad comes increased concerns and questions of what suspicious letters/packages look like and what to do if a suspicious letter or package is delivered to your home or business. Here are some indicators you may look for to

## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Ron Cassedy

For fiscal year 2000-2001 the following streets were resurfaced: 300 and 400 blocks of Miami Avenue, N. Shannon Avenue from Grosse Pointe to Fifth Avenue, 200 and 300 blocks of Ormond Avenue and Watson Drive east of SR-A1A. Town staff members

determine if a letter or package should be considered “suspicious:”

- The item is mailed from a foreign country
- There are misspelled letters in the address
- There is a wrong title with a name
- The address is badly typed or hand written
- There is no return address
- There are lopsided or protruding items
- There are exposed wires
- The item has excessive postage
- The addressee is addressed by title only
- The item is rigid or bulky
- There are restrictive markings on the item
- The item has a strange odor
- There are stains on the wrappings

### What do I do if I receive a suspicious package/letter?

- Leave the item alone. Do not move it or open it.
- Contact the Indianalantic Police Department via 911 or call 723-7788.
- Do not allow other individuals to enter the area of the item.
- Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water.
- DO NOT bring the item to the police or fire department
- Leave the immediate vicinity of the item, but remain inside your residence or business, isolated from

are reviewing streets at this time for inclusion in this year’s resurfacing program. At the completion of the County project to replace the sewer force main from Second Avenue to Palm Avenue and south to Melbourne Beach, the Town will be replacing storm drainage pipes on Palm prior to it being resurfaced.

In order to assist in the channeling of water from Town streets, swales were constructed at the intersection of Eighth Avenue and S. Ramona and north on Ramona to Seventh Avenue. Swales were also constructed in the 400 block of Miami Avenue and at the intersection of N. Shannon and Wayne Avenue.

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### **FIRE FACTS**

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season injure 2,000 people and cause over \$500 million in damage. Simple life-saving steps can be taken to ensure a safe and happy holiday.



- **Selecting a tree** – Needles on fresh trees should be green, hard to pull back from the branches and should not break. The trunk should be sticky to the touch.
- **Caring for your tree** – Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant. Do not put your live tree up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- **Maintain your holiday lights** - Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires, bare spots and broken or cracked sockets. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Do not link more than three light strands unless the directions indicate it is safe. Don’t leave holiday lights unattended and periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.
- **Use of candles** – Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never put lit candles on a tree or leave the house with candles burning.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

others until emergency personnel arrive and give you further instructions.

Tom Barker  
Fire Chief

- Do not panic.

**What should I expect if I call the Police Department after receiving a suspicious package/letter?**

The Indialantic Police Department and Indialantic Fire Department will be the primary responding agencies. They will obtain pertinent information and then contact the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office Bomb Squad. This is standard procedure for the Police Department. You will be asked to remain isolated from others and your house or business may possibly be “roped off” until the Bomb Squad arrives. This is for your protection as well as that of others in the area. Once the Bomb Squad is on the scene, they will remove the item and tell you what they found.

The main goal of terrorists is to instill a sense of panic and fear in the American People. Staying informed of the facts and keeping yourself educated on what to look for and what to do is the first step in ensuring your peace of mind.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Police Department.

*Detective Mike Connor*



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

***Town Hall will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas and January 1 – New Year’s Day***

***The annual art festival will be held in Nance Park on January 19 & 20. For more information, contact American Craft Endeavors at (813) 962-0388.***

***Our Holiday Tree Lighting will be held December 5 at 7:00 pm in Nance Park. This annual observance of the holiday season will include a short program, a***

Month	Date	Time	Meeting
DECEMBER	4	8:30 AM	Anniversary Committee
	6	5:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition
	11	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
	13	5:30 PM	Board of Adjustment
	18	7:00 PM	<b>Town Council</b>
JANUARY	6	8:30 AM	Anniversary Committee
	8	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
	15	7:00 PM	<b>Town Council</b>
	22	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning
FEBRUARY	5	8:30 AM	Anniversary Committee

visit from Santa Claus and refreshments for the kids.

12	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
19	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Town Council</b>
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning



*A good time was had by one and all at the Sixth Annual Halloween Party on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Once again we would like to thank all of the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this a success. Special thanks to Jan Acker for her continued efforts as Chairperson for the event.*

The Volunteer Fire Department meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department, 216 Fourth Avenue

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**Luminaria** sales begin December 1 and continue through December 24. The kits will be available at Town Hall during regular business hours through the 23<sup>rd</sup> and at the Fire Station on the 24<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from this project, sponsored by the Parks/Recreation/ Beautification Committee, are used for beautification projects throughout the Town