



# INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

FEBRUARY 2002

## ***TOWN TO HOLD MAIL BALLOT ELECTION***

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
SPECIAL ELECTION  
TOWN OF INDIALANTIC  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 19, 2002

### PROVISION OF ALS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

To provide advanced life support (ALS) emergency medical service to a home within the Town within an average of three minutes, it is estimated that a Town homeowner will be required to pay additional \$21.24 per year in property taxes (assumes single-family home appraised at \$125,000 with \$25,000 homestead exemption). Shall the Town increase the property taxes to provide ALS emergency medical service by the Town as proposed?

YES (for approval)  
NO (for rejection)

The Town of Indialantic will be holding a special mail ballot election on February 19, 2002 for the purpose of determining if the Town should increase property taxes in order to provide advanced life support medical services. Ballots for the election (see left) are scheduled to be mailed January 30, 2002 to each registered voter and must be received by the Supervisor of Elections Office by mail or in person by 7:00 PM on February 19. **There will be no polling places opened for the election. You do not need to request an absentee ballot.**

Results of the election will be available on the Supervisor of Elections website - [www.brevardelections.org](http://www.brevardelections.org) - on the 19<sup>th</sup> after 7:00 PM.

The Indialantic Homeowners Association is sponsoring a Town meeting where Fire Chief Tom Barker will present information on the proposed ALS services. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2002 at 7:30 in the Town Council Chambers and is open to all residents of the Town (see Page 3 for further information).

# ADVANCING FROM BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TO ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT

- Chief Barker

The Town of Indialantic Department of Fire Rescue currently provides a Basic Life Support (BLS) system consisting of Firefighter/EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) who can administer oxygen, monitor vital signs (pulse, respirations, blood pressure), use automatic defibrillators for cardiac arrest, immobilize patients with potential spinal injury or extremity fractures, insert a combitube (airway) and perform CPR.

We have consistently provided this level of service to the citizens of the Town within 3 minutes after receipt of your call. The delay for advanced life support (ALS) to arrive at your emergency and begin advanced life saving techniques is an average of 4.5 minutes later.

Clinical death occurs from the time when the heart stops up to 4 minutes. Survivability chances are greatly enhanced during this period if advanced life support techniques are introduced. Biological death occurs after 4 minutes and is described as irreversible brain damage with little or no chance of survival.

The proposal for your consideration is to transition from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support.

The ALS system requires a significant upgrade in training of personnel and in equipment. The training requirement is that EMTs be formally trained in paramedical care and obtain a license as a paramedic. This requires approximately one year of classroom and field training. The Department started a program over three years ago to upgrade its EMTs to the level of Paramedic. In June of 2001 that step was completed.

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## POLICE BEAT

The Indialantic Police Department offers numerous crime prevention

## TOWN MEETING SCHEDULED

*In addition to discussing the proposed Advance Life Support medical services, the Indialantic Homeowners Association's Town Meeting is scheduled*

programs to the community. These include vacation house checks, operation identification, bicycle registration, neighborhood watch meetings and home security inspections To take advantage of these programs or if you have any questions contact Community Policing Officer Terry Tenpenny or Administrative Assistant Jan Acker at 723-7788

We would like to remind and encourage all residents and visitors to practice good crime prevention both in their homes and vehicles by keeping doors and windows locked, keeping valuables out of plain view, and by immediately reporting any suspicious persons, vehicles, or activities to the police department.

We continue to have a limited supply of bicycle helmets available for children who live within the Town limits. The helmets are free and can be obtained by bringing your child to the Indianantic Police Department

We would like to welcome several new employees to the police department. Officers Paul Sousa and Ryan Deschenes have completed field training and are working road patrol. Officer Donald Norsworthy is currently progressing through field training and should be on the road alone within two months. Shaun Warburton and Nature Schoendorf have joined the ranks of our communications center as part-time dispatchers.

*Association Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM will also include an overview from Police Chief Troy Morris on the Reverse 911 system that will soon be in operation and a report from Town Manager Christopher Chinault on recent developments in the Town and on future goals. Council members have been invited to attend and participate in an open question and answer period The meeting is open to the public.*

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## **ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT**

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The type of skills uniquely provided by paramedics in an ALS system include all of the basic life support procedures plus the use of advanced cardiac monitors, which enable the paramedic to see the functioning of the heart in greater depth. It also allows for pacing of the heart, cardio version, defibrillation of children and will monitor pulse and oxygen levels.

Paramedics can also initiate intravenous access for fluid resuscitation and administration of critical medications such as anti-epileptic medications for the seizure patient, intravenous glucose for the hypoglycemic: patient, and emergency cardiac medications, such as thrombolytics (clot busters) for the patient suffering from heart attack or cardiac arrest.

Paramedics are also trained to provide advanced airway management for patients in respiratory failure respiratory arrest. This training and the procedures

Have a happy and safe year

Troy W. Morris  
Chief of Police

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Ron Cassedy

The Public Works Department takes pride in keeping the Town of Indialantic free of decals that could be hazardous to motorists. Decals that are stuck on stop signs and other traffic control signs are not just an eye sore, but are hazardous and cost residents a considerable amount of tax dollars. If decals are not removed immediately the signs have to be replaced. Please educate children to not deface public property.

and equipment involved provide care for patients approaching the same level that they may obtain in the hospital emergency room. In fact, advanced life support and paramedical care is really care provided as an extension of the emergency room out in the pre-hospital arena.

What does this mean to you and visitors to the Town? It means that you will have the greatest level of pre-hospital advanced care to begin. Your chances for survival during those critical minutes are greatly increased.

In order to provide this level the Department by state law, must have 2 people on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - 1 paramedic and 1 EMT who will also be firefighters. This requirement will result in the hiring of 3 new firefighter/EMTs.

The net annualized cost to provide this service has been estimated to be \$152,000 for the first year with succeeding years being approximately \$130,00.

I encourage you to vote yes on the ballot question, The Fire Department looks forward to providing with the enhanced level of pre-hospital care

Tom Barker, Fire Chief

**RECENT COUNCIL ACTION**

*December 18, 2001 Meeting*

**NEW FACES IN TOWN**

- adopted Resolution 02-01 encouraging use and support of the Melbourne International Airport
- awarded the bid and approved the contract to the low bidder, JAM Services, Inc. for sidewalk improvements to Orlando Park - \$31,893.50
- approved parking space use agreements for Bizzarro's and Shagg's
- noted support for Time Warner to continue utilizing emergency message overrides
- adopted Ordinance 02-03 extending the Town's boundaries by annexing undeveloped State land north of Watson Drive east of SR-AIA
- awarded bid and approved contract to the low bidder, Atlantic Development to replace stormwater pipes on P31m Avenue and Second Avenue prior to the County resurfacing these streets

*January 15, 2002 Meeting*

- proclaimed 2002 as the year to celebrate our town
- authorized a "Concert in the Park" on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in Nance Park
- declared three town vehicles as surplus and authorized the purchase

Patricia Lambertson, DVM 307-Fourth Ave, - Indialantic Veterinary Hospital

Brevard Personal Management's.-Inc  
442 Fourth Avenue

Atlantic Financial Services, Inc.. '442 Fourth Avenue

Lori Kirwan Facials - -105 S. Riverside Drive

Kimberle Smith - 878 N. Miramar (Body Works) Massage Therapy

**RIVERSIDE PARK PIER UPDATE**

Riverside Park pier, currently extending over 360 feet, is slated for completion by early March. The project entails the construction of a ten foot wide pier running four hundred feet with a covered area at the western terminus of approximately thirty feet by thirty feet.

Funding is being provided by the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) and South Brevard Recreation Special District bond proceeds.

Completion of the pier will be followed by construction of two handicap parking spaces, a short walkway connecting the spaces to the pier for greater ease of access and consideration of lighting along the pier.

**BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECT  
ADVANCES**

of a replacement police vehicle

- approved agreement to receive transportation impact fee monies to construct a sidewalk on the west side of S. Shannon Avenue north of Tradewinds Terrace
- approved Ordinance 02-04 at first reading to amend requirements for buffer walls and fences
- approved spending up to \$5,000 to augment available funds to construct a decorative and informative sign in the Fifth Avenue median east of SR-A I A as requested by the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee
- directed the Town Attorney to develop ordinances to improve the regulation of signs in store windows and to regulate rave clubs
- approved a request from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for banners on light poles on Fifth Avenue

### **COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2002**

Goals and objectives for the Town for calendar year 2002 were provided by the Council on December 18, 2001, as follows: road improvements for Fourth Avenue and Sixth Avenue, improve Melbourne Causeway

### **ADVANCES**

*A portion of Indialantic is programmed to receive sand under the Brevard County Shore Protection Project South Peach near the end of March, 2002. The project is slated to begin March 1 with sand being applied in Melbourne Beach. Sand will be moved from the Space Coast and Canaveral borrow areas.*

*The balance of the Town is scheduled to realize enlarged beaches in November and December.*

*The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the contract to Great Lakes Dredge and Dock. They will place sand along the beaches seven days a week, twenty-four hours per day until May 1, 2002, and from November 1, 2002, through the completion of the project, which is slated for the end of December, 2002. Equipment may be evidenced on the beach in mid-February.*

*Residents may notice lights that will be used by the contractor which are to be focused on the work site. Additionally, some sounds may be heard from the equipment's back-up alarms and certain equipment that will be situated along the beach to measure vibrations.*

landscaping with irrigation, provide additional parking on the causeway while protecting the improved landscaping, address parking issues, preserve and maintain natural resources including the Indian River and beach, continue code enforcement activities, continue educating residents and businesses regarding code requirements, continue the high quality of service for law enforcement and fire protection efforts, and continue to improve efforts to communicate with residents-e.g. web page, newsletter.



- The February Town Council meeting will be held on **Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 PM.
- American Craft Endeavors is sponsoring a craft festival in Nance Park March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

*The Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee and the Indianalantic Homeowners Association invite you to attend a free "Concert in the Park" on Sunday, February 17th at 2:30 PM.*

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

JANUARY		
22	5:30 PM	Zoning and
Planning		
23	7:00 PM	Code Enforcement
31	5:30 PM	Board of
Adjustment		
FEBRUARY		
5	8:00 AM	Anniversary
Committee		
6	5:30 PM	Pension Board
12	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
18	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Town Council</b>
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and
Planning		
MARCH		
5	8:00 AM	Anniversary
Committee		
12	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
19	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Town Council</b>
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and
Planning		

*The concert, to be held in Nance Park, will feature the Satellite High Jazz Ensemble*

**EXOTICS REMOVAL** - You can have your Brazilian Pepper trees removed free of charge by Jack Dearhammer. He will cut the trees, stack them for pick up and herbicide the stumps to prevent regrowth at no cost to you. Call Mr. Dearhammer at 726-6509 to schedule this important service for areas south of Fifth Avenue. He hopes to address areas north of Fifth Avenue soon



*The Indialantic Elementary Chorus spread cheer at the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in Nance Park*

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

*The winter 2001 issue of the Marine Resources Council's (MRC) newsletter "The Marker" reported that Ray and Lila DiZefalo are recent recipients of the Albert Tuttle Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Indian River Lagoon for 2001. The award was presented to this Indialantic couple, active with the MRC since 1992, for hosting the Grant Brown Bag Lunch Program, serving as Lagoon Watch Monitors and participating in the Right Whale Monitoring Program.*

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