



# INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

August 2002

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## ***RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMPLETE***

Lights have been installed along the new four hundred foot pier to complete the Riverside Park improvement program. These lights are intended to enable residents the opportunity to enjoy the park between the time darkness falls and the park closes at nine o'clock.

Funds totaling \$257,992 have been channeled to the Town to improve the park. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provided \$116,484 to repair the shoreline along the park after hurricanes Irene and Floyd visited the Town. Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) monies totaling \$86,000 coupled with

\$55,508 in South Brevard Recreation Special District funds have been allocated to provide the pier that is ten feet by four hundred feet with a thirty by thirty covered area at the western terminus. Additional improvements include two handicap parking spaces, a walkway connecting these spaces to the new pier, benches in the park and along the pier, a fence along the park's eastern boundary, and the newly installed lighting.

The Town's initial application for FRDAP monies was submitted in September, 1999. It was modified significantly after the park sustained hurricane related damage.

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## ***BACK TO SCHOOL BEACH BASH***

*The Indialantic Police Department and the Children's Home Society of Brevard County are looking for volunteers to help with a school supply fundraiser on Saturday, August 3, 2002 in Nance Park. The event hours will be between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. All money raised from the event will go to purchase school supplies for at risk youth and foster care children.*

*Indialantic merchants have donated items for drawings and food and drinks will be sold. The Indialantic Fire Department will be participating with a fire truck on display. Activities include a volleyball tournament, a moonwalk, the Brevard County Sheriff's Department petting zoo, face painting, a dunking booth and more.*

The **Melbourne Beach Library** is on schedule for opening in September to be followed by the grand opening on October 5. The celebration will include a parade with a "Once Upon a Time" theme where participants dress as storybook characters. If anyone desires to be part of this event, they should call 756-7073. Anyone interested in assisting with artwork enrichment programs in the new library should contact Virginia Mikenas at 723-5264.

## RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

### *June 18, 2002 Meeting*

- received information concerning services provided by the SJRWMD
- approved outdoor café permit for City Tropics Bistro subject to compliance with the code
- recognized November 16, 2002 as a special event honoring the Town's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- adopted Ord. 02-12 extending the hours of an outdoor café to 1:30 am Monday through Saturday under certain conditions
- adopted Ord. 02-14 amending provisions of the code to enable certain 50<sup>th</sup> celebration events to be held
- adopted Ord. 02-15 tightening dog barking regulations
- extended the agreement for legal services with the Town Attorney and adjusted the hourly compensation amount

### *July 16, 2002 Meeting*

- renewed agreement for medical direction supervision for Town rescue services
- agreed to amend impact fee fund agreement with the County to allow these monies to be used toward engineering costs for the Riverside Drive/Fifth

### NEW FACES IN TOWN

Wireless Connection Nextel – 133 Fifth Avenue – Cellular phone

Information Builders – 333 Fifth Avenue - Computer software

Burlingham & Associates– 101 N. Palm - Engineer

Cynthia Noe – 345 Sixth Avenue – Massage Therapy

Michael Wilson & Associates – 321 Sixth Avenue – Geriatric consulting

Discovery Dining – 131 Fifth Avenue – Restaurant review video production

Taylor Shay's Inc. – 135 A Fifth Avenue – Women's clothing

Florida Home Repair Club, Inc. – 135 B Fifth Avenue - Home repair referrals

### TOWN RECEIVES CHECK

State Senator Howard Futch and State Representative Mitch Needleman presented \$50,000 in a ceremonial check to Indialantic

engineering costs for the Riverside Drive/Fifth Avenue turn lane

- accepted code enforcement lien satisfaction of \$425 from 1988
- adopted Ord. 02-16 allowing for a limited outdoor display of merchandise in the C-2 district under certain circumstances
- approved Ord. 02-17 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading to change the name of Miramar Park to Gus Carey Park consistent with prior Council action
- approved Ord. 02-18 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading to reflect parking fines in a chart format
- directed staff to develop exemptions for installation of small play apparatus items – others subject to Florida Building Code
- set the FY-03 millage rate at 5.0089
- appointed Councilman Fischer as the Town's representative to serve on the Space Coast League of Cities' committee to review the County's proposed creation of a special water and sewer district in unincorporated area

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

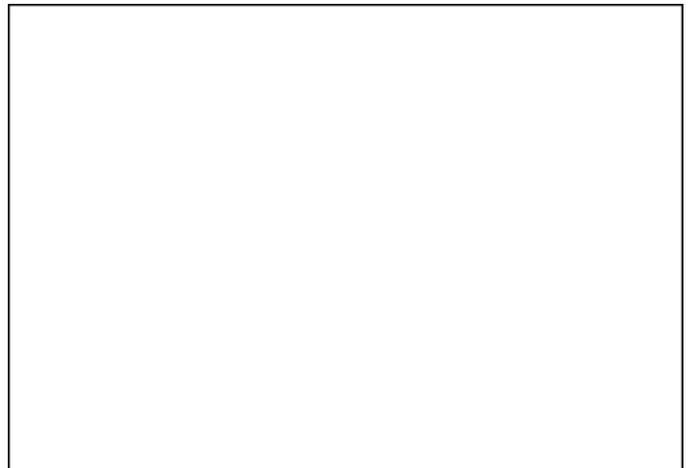
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Steering Committee has issued guidelines for the two art exhibits that will be held in connection with the November 16<sup>th</sup> celebration. A student art exhibit will be held at the pier in Riverside Park on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm. Guidelines are available from Indialantic Elementary School or Town Hall.

All artists living in Town have been invited to participate in an art exhibit at Town Hall for the month of November. Guidelines are available at Town Hall.

Town officials on July 16 for improvements to Douglas Park.

The project, funded by the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP), will result in handicap parking spaces, a 14' x 14' gazebo and sea wall replacement/restoration.

The Town Council applied in October for FRDAP monies from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Funds were made available through the State budget signed in mid June. No Town monies are required to match the State funds. Grant related documents are being prepared by the Town with construction anticipated to begin in early 2003.



(l. to r.) Councilman Vince Benevente, Councilman Vic Kostro, Deputy Mayor Bruce Bogert, Councilman Mike Fischer, State Senator Howard Futch, Mayor Bob Cochran and State Representative Mitch Needleman



## POLICE BEAT

Door-to-door solicitations generate a large number of complaints to the Police Department. While most door-to-door salesmen are legitimate and provide valuable and affordable services, others may not. Home repairs and improvements are expensive undertakings. Be wary if you receive a brochure offering to carry out a usually expensive job at an unusually low price. This is a favorite ploy of deceptive solicitors. Once you sign the contract, you learn why the price is so low - they never deliver the service you paid for in advance.

“Free” inspections can turn up plenty of unnecessary expensive repairs. People posing as repairmen offering free inspections may flash something that looks like an identification card to gain access to your home. Some even offer to do the work on the spot. When they leave, you may be left with a large bill and a faulty repair job.

There are steps that can be taken to protect one’s home, and wallet, from door-to-door sales people:

- q Contact the Better Business Bureau (407-621-3300 or [www.orlando.bbb.org](http://www.orlando.bbb.org)). If the company in question is a member, the Bureau will tell you how long they have been in business and if they have had any complaints.
- q Check for state licensing and/or insurance through the Florida Division of Corporations website at [www.sunbiz.com](http://www.sunbiz.com). This website will give you a great deal of information about a company operating in Florida.
- q Check the yellow pages. Is the company one you have heard of and is it listed in the telephone book?
- q Don’t be too quick to agree to signing a sales contract or to have work done on your house. If you need time to think about it, don’t be afraid to say so. If he or she truly wants your business, they will wait for you to make a decision. Remember, it’s your house and you have the right to ask the door-to-door salesperson to leave if you feel uncomfortable with the product or sales pitch.
- q Be aware of emotional sales. “I need money to put myself through school.” “I’m trying to help my grandmother out who lives alone.” Emotional sales pitches are red flags and should be handled with caution.

The St. Johns River Water Management District provides the following tips to help save Florida’s water supply:



### Saving water indoors

- o - Verify that your home is leak-free. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak
- o - Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can waste 2,700 gallons per year
- o - Take shorter showers – replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version
- o - Operate dishwashers and clothes washers only when fully loaded or properly set the water level for the size of load
- o - Start a compost pile as an alternative to kitchen sink disposals
- o - Insulate your water pipes

### Saving water outdoors

- o - Don’t overwater your lawn – generally lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer. Water during the early morning hours to reduce loss from evaporation
- o - Raise the mower blade to at least 3” to encourage deeper root growth
- o - Install a rain sensor to your sprinkler system. This is now required by law on new installations
- o - Plant native and/or drought tolerant plants. Mulch to retain moisture and help control weeds
- o - Replace pool filters with the new water saving filters. This can save from 180 to 250 gallons of water.

- q Trust your instincts. If you have an uneasy feeling about something a door-to-door salesperson is saying or selling, your feeling may be justified.

Detective Michael Connor

- o - Consider using a commercial car wash that recycles water. If you wash your own car, park on the grass to do so
- o - Try to do one thing each day to save water. Remember, every drop counts

For more water saving ideas, contact the SJRWMD at (904) 329-4540

**FIRE FACTS**

The Indialantic Volunteer Fire Department is looking for people who want to give back to the community. Anyone 18 years of age or older is eligible to receive training in fire fighting and water rescue – no experience required. Applications are available at the Fire Station, 216 Fourth Avenue, or call 723-0366. The Fire Department is here to serve you and with your help, we will continue to meet the needs of our residents in a most professional manner.



ü Town Hall will be closed

Monday, September 2, 2002 for Labor Day

ü The Town Council will hold a budget workshop on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and a special Council meeting on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 for the first public hearing on the budget. The final public hearing on the budget will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

ü Qualifying dates for the November 5<sup>th</sup> election will be August 22 – September 5, 2002. Seats to be filled are: Mayor, currently held by Robert Cochran, Jr., Seat 2, currently held by Councilman Mike Fischer and Seat 4, currently held by Councilman Victor Kostro. Packets will be available in the Town Clerk’s office.



**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

AUGUST

6	8:00 AM	Anniversary Committee
13	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
20	6:00 PM	Council Budget
Workshop		
20	7:00 PM	<b>Town Council</b>
27	5:30 PM	Zoning Board

SEPTEMBER

3	8:00 AM	Anniversary Committee
3	7:00 PM	Council Budget Hearing
10	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
17	7:00 PM	<b>Town Council</b>
24	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

OCTOBER

1	8:00 AM	Anniversary Committee
8	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation

<b>15</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Town Council</b>
22	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

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

**FLOWERS FOR YOU CLOSES**

After 39 years on Fifth Avenue, Flowers For You closed its doors for the last time on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Owner Mary Sawyer, also a Town resident, will now turn her attention to civic affairs. We wish Mary good luck in her retirement.

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Deputy Mayor Bogert presents the new park sign to former Mayor, Councilman and long time resident Gus Carey who was the guest of honor at a reception held in Town Hall on June 18, 2002