



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

February 2003

SUNRISE PARK EXPANDED



Carey Gleason, Director of Community and Government Relations at the Florida Institute of Technology, presented Mayor Trott with the deed to property south of, and adjacent to, Lily Park at the January 21, 2003 Council meeting

The expansion of Sunrise Park north of Watson Drive and east of SR-A1A moved closer to being realized on December 17, 2002, when the Council approved leasing the parcel of property, which lies south of the Topaz, from the County.

The expanded park, in this initial stage, is projected to be developed in FY-05 with a walking path, exercise stations, expanded vegetation, and limited parking. The park is included in the Town's adopted five-year Capital Improvement Program budget with costs being borne by the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP).

The property was acquired with a combination of Florida Save Our Coast and Brevard County Beach & Riverfront Program funds and leased to the County. The Board of County Commissioners approved sub-leasing the property to the Town on December 3, 2002, with the lease expiring on June 1, 2037.

The property was heavily vegetated with Brazilian pepper trees until about two years ago when the Marine Resources Council, under contract with the adjacent condominium developer, removed the pepper trees leaving only palm trees.

The Council extended the Town's boundaries on December 18, 2001, to include this area so that it could be developed as a Town park.



Mayor Trott is shown with residents Carl and Carol Andren who donated Sigi Oberlander's painting of the

Tradewinds Hotel to the Town. The painting was made from a black and white photograph and is on display in Town Hall

Volunteers Sought for Heritage Committee

A Heritage Committee was created by the Town Council at the January 21, 2003, meeting. The recommendation to create the committee was forwarded to the Council by Carol Andren, former Chairman of the 50th Celebration Committee. The Heritage Committee's charge is expected to include the following: assessing historic materials that currently exist; arranging, preserving, and making available historic information; providing advice as to how to preserve historic records; and protecting against the loss of historic records.

Interested residents are encouraged to contact the Town Clerk to express their desire to be considered for appointment to the committee.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

December 17, 2002 Meeting

- Denied a variance appeal to code section 17-103(b)(3)(b) with regard to the storage of RVs on 500 Watson Dr.
- approved parking space use agreements with Bizzarro's and Shagg's
- approved first responder agreement with the County to receive emergency services grant funds
- approved lease agreement with the County for expansion of Sunrise Park – north of Watson Drive, east of SR-A1A
- refunded portion of fees to participating 50th Celebration vendors due to rainy weather on November 16
- removed fine and lien from prior code enforcement actions at 230 Third Avenue and 520 N. Riverside Dr.

January 21, 2003 Meeting

- FIT Director of Community and Government Relations Carey Gleason presented deed to the Town for property south of and adjacent to Lily Park
- approved draft Public School Facility Planning Interlocal Agreement between the school district, county and municipalities
- adopted Res. 03-02 transferring the cable franchise to TWEAN Subsidiary, LLC
- designated the free Health Fair to be held on

NEW FACES IN TOWN

- **5th Avenue Clinic** - 230 Fifth Avenue – Physician/Medical Clinic
- **Laser Tek Hair Removal** – 241 Sixth Avenue – Cosmetology
- **Hair Designs by Lori L.** – 322 Fifth Avenue – Beauty Salon
- **Direct Wireless Connection** – 133 Fifth Avenue – Cell phone
- **Teren Nichols** – 429 Fifth Avenue – Massage Therapy
- **Ana Synman** – 102 N. Palm - Cosmetology
- **Christine Parker** – 225 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 2 – Cosmetology
- **Empire Home Mortgage** – 600 S. Miramar – Mortgage Broker



TRAFFIC UPDATES

Residents will notice several traffic changes in Town. The Town Council recently approved the following:

- Reducing the speed limit on N. Palm Avenue to 20 mph
- Installing "STOP" signs on S. Shannon Avenue

February 8 as a civic affair

- awarded the bid and approved a contract with the Watauga Co. for \$21,200 to replace a portion of the Douglas Park seawall – FRDAP funded
- adopted Ord. 03-01 – repealing the provision allowing appeals of variance decisions to be heard by the Town Council
- adopted Ord. 03-02 – clarifying what constitutes the prohibited enlargement of a non-conforming use
- directed staff to combine individual Council goals into single document for consideration
- created a Heritage Committee
- agreed to forward to the Zoning and Planning Board to consider amending code section 17-127(6) which affects interior side yard setbacks in the Tourist zone

UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The Board of Adjustment and the Zoning and Planning Board will have openings, including reappointments, in February and March. The Parks/Recreation/ Beautification Committee is looking for new members and volunteers are needed to serve on the Town's two pension boards. Applications are available at Town Hall and on the web site – www.indialantic.com. For more information on meeting days and time for these or any board or committee, please call the Town Clerk's office at 723-2242.

at Eighth Avenue and Melbourne Avenue

- Restricting westbound motorists on Eighth Avenue between Wavecrest and SR-A1A to turn only north or south onto SR-A1A

TURN LANE MOVES CLOSER TO COMPLETION

Turn lane improvements on US-192 at S. Riverside Drive are nearing completion; however, the installation of mast arm signals is many months away.

Recent work includes the installation of a retaining wall and lowering the sidewalk along the south side of US-192 between S. Riverside Drive and S. Riverside Place, which is being performed by Brewer Paving & Development, Inc. Handrails will shortly be installed on top of the retaining wall. The initial work of constructing the turn lane was performed by Watson Paving, Inc.

Mast arm signals are being designed through contract with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to replace the span wire signals. It is projected to take many months before these improvements will be noticed.

The turn lane improvements were designed in the late nineties with a Joint Project Agreement (JPA) being entered into in March, 2000 with FDOT for \$318,700. This amount has been expanded by \$70,000 to address mast arm costs. Transportation impact fee monies were added to state funds to cover some of the land acquisition and development costs.



POLICE BEAT

The Indialantic Police Department will be hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at the Indialantic Town Hall. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Some of the topics on the agenda include how to set up your Neighborhood Watch program, the

Public Works Update - Ron Cassedy

Brevard County Natural Resources, in partnership with the Town, has installed monofilament recycling containers at three locations within the Town: the pier at Riverside Park, Sunrise Park (Watson Drive), and at crossover #15 on Wavecrest

community warning system, home security surveys, House Check program, property inventory list, and Operation Identification. All citizens are encouraged to attend and to take an active role in protecting their community and in learning ways to help keep homes and neighborhoods safe. Community Policing officer Terry Tenpenny will be present to answer any questions you might have. Anyone having questions about the above-mentioned programs can also call Officer Tenpenny at 723-7788 or email ttenpenny@indialantic.com.

A semi-annual test of the Community Warning System was conducted on January 22, 2003. The Warning System works by calling each phone number in its database and leaving a prerecorded message (hurricane, emergency information etc.). If the system does not reach an actual person it will make a second attempt later during the notification process. If you did not receive a call it is possible that your number is not in the database, which is compiled by a third party. There could be several reasons why your number is not in the database including that it is unlisted or it is a new number that was assigned after the last database update. You may have received multiple calls if you have a data/fax line or additional voice lines. If you did not receive a call, do not want to receive calls in the future, have multiple lines and want some of them removed from the database, or just have a question about the Warning System, please contact Sergeant Michael Casey at 723-7788 or email at mcasey@indialantic.com. The data can

and at crossover #10 on Waverly Avenue. Please recycle your fishing line.

A sign has been placed in Riverside Park at the entrance to the pier concerning pelicans. Please visit the park and read this sign. There are many things that can be done to preserve wildlife. Please help!

A REMINDER: Keep Brevard Beautiful, Waste Management of Florida and the Town will sponsor **TRASH BASH 2003** at Nance Park on Saturday, April 19, 2003 from 8:00 am to noon. All materials will be provided. Please join us in the fun of keeping our Town clean.



FIRE FACTS

All heaters are considered dangerous if not used properly. According to the National Fire Protection Association, most home-heating fires involve portable or "space" heaters. Please follow these safety precautions:

- Choose models with automatic safety switches that turn off if tipped over
- Never use an extension cord
- Never leave the heater unattended
- Don't hang items above the heater to dry
- Never use in high traffic areas
- Check your smoke detectors
- Keep at least one dry powder fire extinguisher in the home
- Develop a fire escape plan that includes a predetermined meeting place outside the home

be added or removed during the next database update.

Chief Troy W. Morris

BUILDING CODE CORNER
Cathy Spafford

Building permits are required for construction or repair of all residential driveways. Permit cost is \$20.00

Code Sec. 17-103 requires that all recreational vehicles (boats, campers, motor homes, cargo trailers, etc.) be parked to the rear of the front structure line.

If you have any questions on space heaters or fire safety, please contact the Fire Department at 723-0366.

Tom Barker, Fire Chief

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.



The annual craft festival will be held in Nance Park on March 1 & 2. For more information please contact American Craft Endeavors at 813-962-0388.



The Indialantic Elementary School Chorus provided entertainment at the Town's annual tree lighting ceremony in Nance

FEBRUARY

- 5 7:00 PM Code Enforcement
- 11 10:00 AM Parks/Recreation
- 18 7:00 PM Town Council**
- 25 5:30 PM Zoning Board

MARCH

- 11 10:00 AM Parks/Recreation
- 17 **7:00 PM Town Council**
- 25 5:30 PM Zoning and Planning

APRIL

- 8 10:00 AM Parks/Recreation
- 15 **7:00 PM Town Council**
- 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

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resident. Robert L. Cochran, Jr., Mayor; Bruce Bogert, Deputy Mayor; Council members Vincent Benevente, Mike Fischer and Victor Kostro; Christopher W. Chinault, Town Manager; Laura Eaton, Town Clerk – www.indialantic.com - (321) 723-2242

PROTECT THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON

EXCERPTS FROM “THE MARKER” – THE MARINE RESOURCES COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

The Indian River Lagoon is long and narrow like a river but it is really a saltwater lake connected to the ocean at the inlets. Unlike a river, the lagoon has no particular direction of water flow and moves in whatever direction the wind blows. Salinities vary from completely fresh in some of the tributaries and canals up to 3.5% near the inlets. The concentration of salt in the lagoon is critical for the plant and animal species that live in it. Wetlands that did not flow to the lagoon have been drained by canals that now bring more than twice the amount of freshwater the lagoon has historically received. Many fish species can tolerate low salinity but often their eggs cannot be fertilized at low levels because as the water becomes fresher it becomes less dense and the eggs cannot float on the surface to be fertilized. Salinity levels sustained below 1.5% will kill clams and other shellfish outright.

What can you do to help? Use ground covers such as composted leaves or wood chips on areas with exposed soil; don't blow grass clippings into the street or storm drains; use environmentally friendly alternatives to pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers; whenever possible, choose plants that require little or no fertilizer.