



INDIALANTIC RECORD

August 2003

SALES TAX PROJECTS PROPOSED

The Council has approved and submitted to the County a list of projects which would be funded by the 1 percent sales tax increase if the proposal is approved by County voters in November.

These projects, totaling 4.82 million, include replacing the Town's forty-year old closed storm drainage system at an estimated cost of \$3.07 million. The recent replacement of pipes under Palm Avenue and Second Avenue identified significant deterioration of existing storm drain pipes under these two Town streets. Additionally, the funds can be used to replace police cars and purchase the next fire truck enabling the Town to avoid borrowing funds as occurred with the purchase of the 1999 Pierce pumper. The amount estimated that will be needed over the next twenty years to cover this area is \$1.2 million.



Example of storm drainage pipe removed in early 2002 from under S. Palm Avenue

Finally, funds are also projected in the amount of \$550,000 to be used to provide hurricane hardening of Town buildings. This may include replacing the emergency generator, replacing windows, or installing shutters.

Council approved these projects as well as an interlocal agreement with the County to ensure that the Town receives its share of the revenue should voters approve imposition of the infrastructure sales tax. The Town expects to receive \$184,000 the first full year of revenue collection

GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

	Approved <u>02/03</u>	Proposed <u>03/04</u>
Town Council	13,889	12,689
Administration	209,546	222,781
Professional Services	42,735	40,050
General Services	437,615	490,992
Law Enforcement	950,947	1,038,188
Fire Control	454,612	446,345
Protective Inspection	102,974	110,523
Roads, Streets, Parks	444,027	370,540

DOUGLAS PARK IMPROVEMENTS NEAR COMPLETION

The delivery of a picnic table will complete recent improvements to Douglas Park. The table, made of recycled materials and handicap accessible, has been ordered for placement next to the newly installed drinking fountain.

Two handicap parking spaces and additional walkways have recently been

Roads, Streets, Parks	444,027	370,543
Recreation/Beautification	80,720	20,741
Capital Improvements	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$2,747,065	\$2,762,852

completed. These improvements join the twelve-foot by twelve-foot cedar wood gazebo that was assembled by Town Public Works personnel in mid-May. The gazebo is situated on a concrete foundation.

The Watauga Company, as the low bidder, replaced one-third of the seawall in mid-April, 2003, for \$21,200.

These improvements were funded by a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) grant for \$50,000. Staff will recommend projects in other parks for future FRDAP funding cycles.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

June 17, 2003 Meeting

- renewed contract with FDOT for reimbursement for maintenance of non-paved portions of US-192 and SR-A1A
- approved an amendment to the Landscape Mowing and Maintenance Agreement with Fertig's Sharper Cuts extending service through September 30, 2004
- renewed the agreement with Brevard County and Space Coast Emergency Medical Services P.A. for medical direction supervision of Town rescue services
- approved a Temporary Construction Access and Staging Consent of Use Agreement for the Brevard County Shore Protection Project
- adopted Ord. 03-07 increasing meter fees in Nance Park to \$.75/hr.
- discussed amending Sec. 17-103 – parking/storage of recreational vehicles – no action taken
- authorized Councilman Benevente to attend the Florida League of Cities' Annual Conference as the Town's voting delegate

July 15, 2003 Meeting

NEW FACES IN TOWN

L.A. East - 115 S. Miramar – Party supplies, novelties

Jay Hagloch, MD – 150 Fifth Avenue (MIMA) - Physician

Thurston Realty & Investment – 142 Fifth Avenue – Real Estate Broker

Aztec Tan – 836 N. Miramar – Tanning Salon

Generation Builders, Inc. – 135 Fifth Avenue – General Contractor

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

- approved extending the pest control contract with Apex through September 30, 2004
- approved FY-03 budget adjustments for the General Fund and Enterprise 2 Fund
- approved contracting with BSE Consultants for construction, engineering and inspection services related to mast arm installation at Riverside Drive and Fifth Avenue – fee to be paid by FDOT
- approved the installation of stop signs on N. Riverside Place approximately 350' north of Fifth Avenue
- set tentative millage rate for FY-04 at 5.0089 (the current rate)
- set date for first public hearing on the millage rate and budget for 7:00 pm on September 3rd, set final public hearing on September 16, 2003 at 7:00 pm
- set budget workshop for 6:00 pm on August 19th
- tabled Ordinance 03-08 regarding Sec. 15-20 – Parking, commercial vehicles, trailers or heavy vehicles, until August 19 pending clarification of terms
- received update on legislative issues from State Senator Mike Haridopolos



Ranger Construction Industries recently completed improvements to the 300 and 400 blocks of Fourth Avenue resulting in two additional feet of driving surface on each side of the street. The cost for the improvements and resurfacing was \$71,632.50.

UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

The Parks/ Recreation/ Beautification Committee is looking for new members and volunteers are needed to serve on the Heritage Committee. 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.



Atlantic Development of Cocoa, Inc. replaces storm drain pipe along the west side of Ramona between 2nd and 3rd Avenues prior to the installation of sidewalk. Sidewalk sections will be added along the south side of the 400 block of 2nd, the west side of Ramona,

and the south side of the 300 block of 3rd to connect Riverside and Palm. The project is being funded with Transportation Impact Fee Trust monies



POLICE BEAT

Indialantic and other municipalities throughout the country will again participate in this year's "National Night Out." From 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 the Indialantic Police Department is asking the residents of Indialantic to turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors and members of the police department.

Public Works Update - Ron Cassedy

Town Code requires that property owners prune trees on their property and on the right-of-way adjacent to their property. Corner lots have two such "front yard" areas extending to each street pavement. Maintenance of these areas is addressed in Code Section 5.5-68, Landscaping. If you have branches hanging over the street edge or sidewalk or limbs extending out at an intersection, they may be hazardous to motorists.

“National Night Out” is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention along with strengthening police and community partnerships.

The Police Department is looking for youth volunteers under the age of 18 to participate in a “**Beach Clean up Detail**” on August 9, 2003. The detail will start at 8:00 A.M. and will end no later than 11:00 A.M. Anyone interested in volunteering some time to help keep our beaches clean should contact Officer Terry Tenpenny at 723-7788 or e-mail ttenspenny@indialantic.com

The Beachside Police Explorer program is now accepting new membership applications. The age range to be a member is 14 years of age (or in the eighth grade) to 21 years of age. The main purpose of the Police Explorer Program is to have experienced police officers work with youth in order to expose them to the police profession and to teach them some of the skills required to become a police officer.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 13, 2003, at 6:00 P.M. in the Town Council chambers. All Indialantic residents are invited to attend and learn about what is happening in their community. Active participation and discussion is strongly encouraged.

Recently we have received several reports of a suspicious person being seen or strange noises being heard in or around peoples’ yards. These reports have been received during late night or early morning hours and have been confined to an area south of Eleventh Avenue and east of S. Palm Avenue. As always, residents are asked to call the police department immediately, regardless of the time of day, to report any suspicious persons or activities in their neighborhoods. Extra patrols by both uniformed and plainclothes officers have been assigned in response to these reports.

Chief Troy Morris

intersection, they may be hazardous to motorists, pedestrians and emergency vehicles. Also at intersections, limbs may interfere with the ability to see stop signs. This is also a hazardous condition. Please check the street, sidewalk, and stop sign if applicable, to see if these problems exist. Tree limbs should be cut fourteen feet above the street pavement.

If you are unable to perform this task, please call Public Works at 984-5224.

CODE AWARENESS

Cathy Spafford

This column is intended to inform residents of ordinances which may not be known. Please be an informed citizen and help keep our Town beautiful.

Sec. 5.5-68(b)-Lawns - requires that all grass areas and lawns be properly maintained in a neat and attractive manner. Any grass area or lawn allowed to grow in excess of eight (8) inches in height shall be considered a violation of Town Code.

FIRE FACTS

High temperatures and humidity stress the body's ability to cool itself and heat illness becomes a special concern during hot weather. There are three major forms of heat illness – heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke – with heat stroke being a life threatening condition.



The following simple precautions can help prevent heat illness:

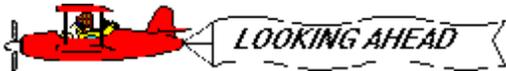
- § Drink lots of liquids – non-alcoholic, caffeine free
- § Wear light weight, light colored clothing when outside
- § Condition yourself for working in hot environments - start slowly and let your body adjust over a few days
- § Take a break if you start feeling overheated

Also, it has come to my attention that some residents have been receiving phone solicitations stating that the solicitor represents the Indialantic Volunteer Fire Department. Please be advised that the volunteers have never and will never solicit by telephone. It is the policy of this Department that once a year, in October, a mail out fund drive is conducted. Funds previously donated have purchased such things as a marine rescue boat, a transport vehicle, an all terrain vehicle for rescue on the beach and an extrication tool for people entrapped in vehicle accidents. Please be assured that any donations received are exclusively used to enhance the capabilities of your volunteers. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 723-0366. Thank you for all of your support through the years!

The Park/Recreation/Beautification Committee has presented its first Town Beautification Award to Tami Garside, 124 Third Avenue, for recent landscape improvements.

To nominate a business or residence for recognition of efforts to improve and beautify buildings and grounds, contact Laurie Newman at Town Hall – 723-2242 or at lnewman@indialantic.com.

Tom Barker, Fire Chief



ü Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 1 – Labor Day

ü Summer coverage of the beach by County lifeguards will end August 6th. Weekend only coverage will continue through September 1st

ü Qualifying dates for the November 4, 2003 election will be August 21 through September 4, 2003. Seats to be filled are: Council Seat 1, currently held by Deputy Mayor Bogert, and Council Seat 2, currently held by Councilman Benevente. Packets will be available in the Town Clerk's office

FREE EXOTICS REMOVAL



Brazilian Pepper – also known as **Christmas Berry** and **Florida Holly** – is an aggressive invader that

spreads rapidly. The bushy trees produce dense thickets that kill other vegetation and chemically suppress the growth of understory plants, destroying food and shelter for wildlife. Covering more than 1,000,000 acres in Florida, it is the most widespread exotic plant in the state.

The most effective way to treat Brazilian

UPCOMING MEETINGS

AUGUST

11	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
19	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
19	6:00 PM	Council budget workshop
19	7:00 PM	Town Council
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

SEPTEMBER

3	7:00 PM	Council budget hearing
8	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
16	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
16	7:00 PM	Town Council
23	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

OCTOBER

13	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
21	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
21	7:00 PM	Town Council
28	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

The Volunteer Fire Department meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department, 216 Fourth Ave.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The St. John's River Water Management District provides the following tips to protect the Indian River Lagoon:

- Reduce fertilizer use - use drought resistant native plants
- Reduce the use of pesticides – use bug repellent

Pepper is by a method known as cut-stump - cutting the tree as close to the ground as possible and applying an herbicide to the stump within five minutes of cutting. The herbicide must contain the active ingredient glyphosate or triclopyr. The best time to treat Brazilian Pepper is when it is not fruiting.

To have Brazilian Pepper trees removed free of charge, contact Jack Dearhammer at 726-6509 or the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program staff at 633-2046 or e-mail at pepper@brevardparks.com.

- Reduce the use of pesticides – use bug repellent plants such as marigold and garlic
- Hand weed instead of using herbicide
- Plant trees
- Conserve water – fix leaky faucets, use low flush toilets, water lawn once a week or during early morning hours
- Landscape to minimize rainfall runoff and erosion – direct rain gutters away from paved areas

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