



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

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COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN



Attorney Gougelman administers the oath of office to Council members Bruce Bogert and Vince Benevente

Council members Vince Benevente and Bruce Bogert began their new two year terms after being sworn in by Town Attorney Paul Gougelman at the November 18, 2003 Council meeting. Councilman Benevente was elected Deputy Mayor. During the meeting Mayor Trott appointed the following individuals to represent the Town:

Space Coast League of Cities – *Deputy Mayor Benevente with Mayor Trott as alternate*

Space Coast League of Cities Intergovernmental Committee – *Deputy Mayor Benevente with Mayor Trott as alternate*

Brevard County Water Supply Board – *Councilman McCabe*

South Beaches Coalition – *Councilman Cook with Councilman McCabe as alternate*

Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Coalition – *Ray DiZefalo*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM
BUDGET APPROVED



Improvements totaling \$1.02 million are included in the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget for fiscal years 2005 through 2009 adopted by Council on October 21. Projects outlined for these years include continued debt service payments for the 1999 fire truck as well as construction of Town Hall facilities. Additionally, money is included for annual street resurfacing and drainage improvements, as well as improvements to Nance Park, Orlando Park, and Melbourne Causeway pathway.



The Public Works department has started replacing the boardwalk deck between the emergency vehicle access ramp and Nance Park restrooms. Materials for this 174 foot section were paid for through the park enterprise fund. State grant funds have been requested to replace approximately 500 feet of boardwalk deck north of the Nance Park restrooms.

Current year projects totaling \$440,150 include Sunrise Park improvements with a covered observation deck, a walking path, and exercise stations; Nance Park improvements with a sidewalk, boardwalk deck replacement, and limited play items; street drainage improvements that include a drainage swale on the south side of the 100 block of Sixth Avenue; a parking lot on Town property on the south side of the 100 block of Sixth Avenue; and construction of mast arm signals at the intersection of US-192 and Riverside Drive.

Public Works personnel have also rebuilt dune crossover #11 replacing support timbers, steps, and the top deck. Reconstruction of dune crossover #3, which provides beach access across from the Nance Park restrooms, should be completed by the end of January.

Revenue sources reflected in the CIP include State recreation funds, town general fund and enterprise monies, and Florida Department of Transportation monies.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

October 21, 2003 Meeting

- approved a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant application in the amount of \$3,453
- approved the street resurfacing projects for FY-04

NEW FACES IN TOWN

Von Schumann Associates, Inc. - 134 Fifth Avenue, Suite 103 – Allstate Insurance Agency

Fallace Insurance – 141 Sixth Avenue – Insurance

- approved Res. 04-01 supporting state beach funding

Insurance

- awarded the Sixth Avenue Drainage Improvement bid in the amount of \$26,075 to the low bidder, Atlantic Development of Cocoa, Inc. and approved a contract with Atlantic in that amount

MARY AND WALTER HAYWARD-
 Indialantic Town Founders
 (see complete article by Karen Raley on Town website)

- declared police car #3 as surplus and authorized the Town Manager to dispose of it

Mary



- adopted Ord. 03-12 amending Sec. 17-132 – outdoor cafes

Leubuscher Hayward was a professional actress and singer when she met her husband-to-be, Walter Sumner Hayward, a noted author and historian. They were married in 1944 and came south to see Walter's riverfront house in Indialantic which he purchased in the 1930's.

- adopted Ord. 03-13 amending the Personnel/Civil Service manual

- adopted the 5 year Capital Improvement Program budget

- approved the temporary closure of the 300 block of Deland Avenue for a neighborhood party

By the early 1950's, the community of Indialantic was experiencing problems—poor street maintenance, inadequate fire protection, lack of building and zoning restrictions, and a developer's threat to the public ownership of the beach. The Haywards were among a group of concerned citizens who organized the Indialantic Civic Association, the committee that guided the incorporation of the Town of Indialantic. Walter served as Recorder for the group, was elected to the first Town Council, and later became President of the Council and Mayor. Mary became secretary of the ICA, chaired the committee that took the first census of the Town, and continued to serve on various town boards for over 40 years.

- requested that the Parks/Recreation/Beautification Committee make recommendations regarding the Fifth Avenue median

- directed staff to prepare an ordinance amending transient sign regulations

November 18, 2003 Meeting

- approved encumbrances from the FY-03 budget

- accepted the annual performance evaluation and approved a 3% pay increase for the Town Manager

- agreed to remove the cord grass from the Fifth Avenue median and replace it with dwarf Indian Hawthorne plants

- awarded the bid and contract to Traffic Control Devices in the amount of \$134,025 to construct mast arm signals at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Riverside Drive (funds to come from the Florida Department of Transportation)

The Haywards became year-round residents after the 1960's. As a result of Walter's interest in horticulture, they

- approved the construction of additional parking spaces on the east side of S. Riverside Place for the benefit of Douglas Park
- adopted Ordinance 04-01 on first reading amending transient sign regulations

UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

There will be openings, including reappointments, on the Zoning and Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Budget and Finance Committee and the Civil Service Board. 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

created a botanical paradise on their property. Nicknamed "the Jungle," their grounds are the result of over 50 years of patient care particularly in association with Merritt Island nurseryman, Bemis Gordon, and croton expert, Frank Brown. Inside the home, Walter's talent as carpenter is evident, too.

Mary was a founder of the South Brevard League of Women Voters and served as its first president. She was a charter member and president of the Melbourne High School PTA. She and Walter were early supporters and organizers of the Indian River Players and the Surfside Players. While both the Haywards acted in productions, Mary also directed many plays and served on the Surfside Board of Directors. Another of their contributions was their role in organizing the first concert series in the Melbourne area. In the 1970's, they assisted in the formation of the BACAM, now the Brevard Museum of Art and Science.

Both remarkable people, the Hayward's contributions were noticeable in the areas of culture and government. Walter, who died in 1993 at the age of 99, was known for his gregarious personality and truly amazing intellect. Mary, who still resides in the Riverside Drive home, has always been known for her talents, graceful charm, and loving generosity



POLICE BEAT

Unfortunately, there is a certain element of society that prefers to support their holiday season at the expense of others. With the Christmas season upon us, I would again like to pass on some recommendations about personal safety

Public Works Update - Ron Cassedy

The Town will be resurfacing streets at the following locations:

- S. Shannon Avenue from Fifth Avenue through Sixth Avenue
- S. Shannon Avenue from Melbourne Avenue through Orlando Blvd.
- The 400 block of Ormond Drive

that I originally wrote for the Town newsletter several years ago.

Please keep your car doors locked both while driving and parked and don't roll your windows down for strangers. Be particularly wary when stopped at traffic lights and when entering and exiting your vehicle in a parking lot. If you are struck from behind in what appears to be a minor rear-end accident, pull over in a well lit, populated area to investigate. While shopping, try to keep all packages and gifts out of sight, preferably locked in the trunk. Try to enter and exit stores (particularly malls) around other groups of shoppers. We tend to see an increase in burglaries this time of year so please remain diligent in your efforts to keep your homes and vehicles secure. If installed, set your alarm, even if you are only leaving for a short time. Successful burglaries to homes equipped with a good alarm system, **that is kept armed**, are very rare. Well-positioned outdoor lighting can also be a successful deterrent.

Don't forget that the Police Department will conduct an on-site home security survey for any resident of the Town. If you would like more information, contact Officer Tenpenny at 723-7788. There is no cost for this service.

Have a happy and safe holiday season and a great new year!

Chief Troy W. Morris

The holiday period between Thanksgiving and New Years is a time of celebration. Unfortunately, many people will act irresponsibly by driving impaired and not wearing safety belts, turning what should be a happy time of year into one of needless tragedy. From November 21st to January 4th, Indialantic police officers will be out in force to make the holidays safe on Florida roads, conducting special D.U.I. enforcement

- Magnolia Avenue from Ormond Drive to Melbourne Avenue
- Tampa Avenue immediately west of Palm Avenue

Storm drain pipes will also be replaced under S. Shannon Avenue at Ormond Drive and under Tampa Avenue west of S. Palm in conjunction with the resurfacing projects. Expect road closures during construction.

FIRE FACTS

Have you ever eaten deep-fried turkey? Delicious, isn't it? Deep fried turkey has been around for years. It's even bragged about on cooking shows on the Food Network and other cable channels. But there is a down side to all of this "turkey talk."



Turkey fryers can be extremely dangerous if not used properly. According to Underwriters Laboratories' (UL) safety experts, concerns are running high about backyard chefs sacrificing safety for good taste. Recently there have been an increasing number of fires related to these turkey fryers. UL has performed tests on these fryers and found that the "great-tasting birds" are not worth the risk. "As a result of these tests, UL has decided not to certify any turkey fryers with our trusted UL mark," said John Drengenberg, UL consumer affairs manager.

- If you must use a turkey fryer, here are some safety tips:
- Turkey fryers should always be used outdoors a safe distance from buildings and other materials that can burn
- Never use fryers on wooden decks or in garages
- Use fryers on a flat surface to help prevent tipping
- Never leave the fryer unattended. Most units do not have thermostat controls. If you are not careful, the oil will continue to heat until it catches fire.
- Never let children or pets near the fryer
- Do not overfill – doing so may cause the oil to catch fire from the burner

and making sure that all motorists are wearing safety belts. Please be careful. **Don't drink and drive.**

Officer Terry Tenpenny

RECYCLING NEWS

As of October, you can recycle more plastic bottles in your recycling bin. All plastic bottles (bottles are containers that have an opening smaller than the base) will be collected for recycling.

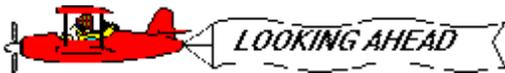
Remember, other kinds of plastic items will not be collected.

Plastic bottles are recycled and are used to make new products such as carpeting, garden furniture and accessories and a variety of other products. For more information, contact the Solid Waste Hotline at 633-2043.

- Lids and handles can become extremely hot. Use well-insulated pot holders or oven mitts when handling any part of the aluminum pot
- Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil spatter
- Keep an ABC multi-purpose dry chemical fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire
- Follow the manufacturer's directions on proper use of the turkey fryer

Happy Holidays!
Barker

Chief Tom



Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:
December 24 & 25 – Christmas
January 1 – New Year's Day

The traditional **Holiday Tree Lighting** will take place Thursday, December 4th at 7:00 pm in Nance Park. This annual observance will include a short program, a visit from Santa and refreshments for the kids.

The Heritage Committee begins a series of "**Town Talks**" on items of local interest. Jenifer Marx will present the first discussion on Jonathan Dickinson on Sunday, January 11th at 2:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

The annual **Art Festival** will be held January 17th & 18th in Nance Park. For more information, contact American Craft Endeavors at (813) 962-0388.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER

8	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
16	7:00 PM	Town Council

JANUARY

12	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
20	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
20	7:00 PM	Town Council
27	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

FEBRUARY

9	10:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
17	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
17	7:00 PM	Town Council
24	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning



Mayor Dan Trott and Public Works Director Ron Cassidy plant one of three Norfolk Island pines in Carey Park. Two trees were donated by a local bridge club and one by Town employees in memory of former Mayor and Councilman Gus Carey.

Planning

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

Luminaria sales begin
December 1 and
continue through
December 24. The kits



will be available at Town Hall during regular business hours through the 23rd and at the Fire Station on the 24th. All proceeds from this project, sponsored by the Parks, Recreation, Beautification Committee, are used for beautification projects throughout the Town.

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