



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

April 2004



Sea Oats Planted to Rebuild Dune

Sea oat plants were installed approximately twelve feet east of the toe of the dune at Sunrise and Nance parks. The Town's contractor, Nautilus Environmental Services, on February 12, 2004,

installed 1,051 plants along one hundred and ninety-seven feet at Sunrise Park (aka Watson Park) and 3,621 plants along six hundred and seventy-nine feet at Nance Park. The project, funded through the enterprise funds, cost \$5,560.

School children from Riverside Christian Academy volunteered to plant sea oats on February 21, 2004, in a 65 foot area south of dune crossover #16, which is across from Fourteenth Avenue. These 300 plants were purchased through the school as part of the County's annual program to increase the planting of sea oats to rebuild the dune.

The following information is provided by the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office concerning characteristics of beach dunes:

Dunes are naturally occurring coastal features that play an essential role in the stability of coastal communities. Dunes provide the first line of coastal defense during storms and provide sand to the beach during periods of erosion.

Dunes and their vegetation also provide shelter and food for a variety of animals and shorebirds including many endangered species. In Brevard County the dunes provide globally important nesting grounds for sea turtles. The three sea turtle species that nest in Brevard are each endangered or threatened.

Vegetation plays a major role in dune stabilization and growth. The deep root systems of sea oats and other native coastal plants help to anchor

the dune and defend it from erosion. Onshore winds move sand grains inland until dune plants trap them, causing the dune to grow.

MACNEILL RECOGNIZED

The Town Council recently hosted the 11th Annual Appreciation Dinner honoring employees and the many volunteers who donate their time and knowledge. Mayor Trott presented an appreciation plaque to John B. MacNeill, selected as the 2003 Citizen of the Year. Mr. MacNeill, Vice Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Board, President of the Indialantic Homeowners' Association, and President of the Indialantic Civic Association, is a regular participant at Council and other board meetings. He also is an active volunteer for the Wildlife Hospital and Sanctuary. Mr. MacNeill's website includes a summary of Town meetings.



Town employees recognized included Shirlee Walker, Administration; Dave Murtha, Fire Department; Joe Chiscon, Public Works; Craig Steen, Parking Enforcement; and Scott Holstine, Police Department. Officer Holstine also received the 2003 Manager's Award.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

February 17, 2004 Meeting

- approved parking space use agreements with Bizzarro's Pizza and Shagg's through December 31, 2004
- approved the life guard agreement with Brevard County for 2004
- approved a disbursement agreement with Brevard County for transportation impact fee monies in the amount of \$13,434 for a walkway connector on the east side of Magnolia Avenue between Melbourne Avenue and Ormond Drive
- adopted Ord. 04-02 amending Sec. 17-106.3(5) – political signs
- adopted Ord. 04-05 relating to stormwater runoff

NEW FACES IN TOWN

Brevard Counseling Clinic - 105 S. Riverside Dr. – Governmental consulting

Tranquil Touch Salon – 322 Fifth Avenue - Salon

Beach Towne Realty - 201 N. Riverside Dr., Suite B – Real Estate
Florida Boardwalk Realty – 117 Fifth Avenue – Real Estate

Skim City – 135 Fifth Avenue – Retail

2004 Hazardous Waste Roundup

- adopted an informal policy that applicants for the Board of Adjustment be recommended to have prior experience on the Code Enforcement Board or Zoning and Planning Board

March 16, 2004 Meeting

- authorized the Brevard Mosquito Control District to operate aircraft over the Town to spray for mosquitoes
- approved a change in the craft show dates from July 17 & 18 to July 24 & 25
- authorized the Town Manager to submit a grant application to the US Department of Homeland Security for a generator, a thermal imaging camera, personal protective equipment and radios for the Fire Department; committed to the required matching funds
- adopted Ord. 04-07 creating a new section 17-116 regulating temporary portable storage units

Recycle Phone Books

New telephone directories should be delivered to your doors within the next few weeks. Please remember that old telephone books will not be accepted in your regular curbside recycling bin.

Recycle your old phone books in the outdoor dumpster container with the bright yellow sticker. The drop off will be located in the parking lot just west of the Fire Department, 216 Fourth Avenue.

The container will be in place during April and May.

*Keep Brevard Beautiful, Waste Management of Florida and the Town will sponsor **TRASH BASH 2004** at Nance Park on Saturday, April 17th, from 8:00 am to noon. All materials will be provided. Please join us in the fun of keeping our Town clean*

It's time for spring cleaning again. Homeowners will be able to turn in unwanted or leftover chemical products such as motor oil, brake fluid, pool chemicals, paint and batteries. Up to five electronic items, such as computers, printers and televisions can also be turned in for disposal.

Sponsored by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, the program is free to homeowners. Businesses must contact EQ Industrial Services at (800) 624-5302, ext. 231 for disposal cost information. The event is open to the public from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The drop off site is located at the Barefoot Bay Community Center, 625 Barefoot Blvd. For more information, call 635-7954 or visit the website at www.brevardcounty.us/swr.



BREVARD COUNTY LIFEGUARDS will be manning Indialantic's two beach towers from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm as follows:

Spring Break - March 27 – April 4

Summer coverage - May 21– August 1

Weekends only - August 2 – Sept. 6

Colored flags will be posted on each tower and on the flag pole at Fifth and Wavecrest to let swimmers know the ocean conditions as follows:

Green – calm water; no hazards known

Yellow – light surf; swimmers should use caution; ocean may be too rough for swimming

Red – rough waters; can also mean there are sharks close to shore or strong rip currents.

Blue – marine pest warning;

**pests can include sea lice,
jellyfish or sharks**

**Double red – dangerous
conditions; do not enter the
water**



POLICE BEAT

The following are a few reminders of how you can protect your home and property from burglaries and theft:

When leaving your house – Be sure to lock your doors and windows. Indialantic enjoys the luxury of having a lower crime rate than some of her sister cities, but crime and criminals do exist. More often than not, a burglar is an opportunistic criminal. He looks for easy targets, such as a house with unlocked doors and windows, or a garage door that is left open over night. Whether leaving the house for ten minutes or for the evening, take the extra time to make sure your house is secure. If you have an alarm, don't forget to arm it before leaving. Last year Indialantic experienced a rash of residential burglaries, particularly in the area south of Fifth Avenue. We did not take a single burglary report at a residence with an active alarm.

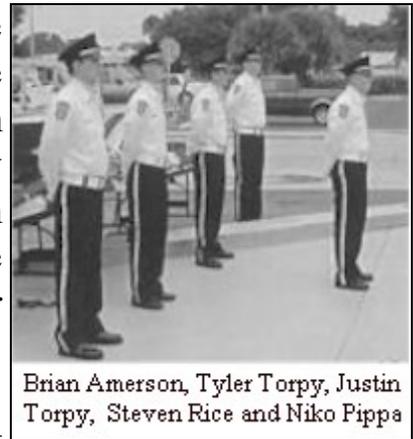
Report suspicious activities/vehicles/persons – Most Indialantic residents are familiar with the vehicles and people that normally pass through their neighborhoods. If you see a vehicle and/or people that just don't seem like they belong, please give us a call. Your active participation in reporting

FIRE FACTS

The Indialantic Volunteer Firefighters are the first volunteer group in the county to establish a color/honor guard. The idea was conceived at a business meeting about six months ago and private funding was acquired to purchase uniforms and equipment.



Currently five members make up the guard. In January they participated in the Florida Fire Service Honor Guard Association competitions at the Fire Rescue East Conference in Jacksonville. This was their first competition and they received honorable mention. Our color guard has been chosen to post the colors at the upcoming Brevard Community College Fire Academy graduation ceremonies at the Cocoa campus.



Brian Amerson, Tyler Torpy, Justin Torpy, Steven Rice and Niko Pippa

We are very proud of these young men and the fine way they represented the fire department and the Town of Indialantic.

Tom Barker, Fire Chief

CODE COMMENTARY - In anticipation of the summer swimming season, many residents have been busy

suspicious persons and activities can help prevent crimes in your neighborhood. We have taken numerous reports where residents stated they heard strange noises at night, but dismissed it as animals or neighbors, only to find later they were the victim of a burglary or criminal mischief.

Get to know your neighbors – Talk to the people in your neighborhood and get to know some of their routines (i.e. times they leave for work, times they get home from work, vehicles they drive or vehicles that may be on the property when they are not home, etc.)

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Program is a network of concerned citizens taking an active part in protecting their community by becoming extra eyes and ears for the Police Department and immediately reporting suspicious activity.

Home Security Survey Program

The Police Department will conduct an on-site inspection of your home in an effort to identify potential features that might make you an easy target. An inspection list will be completed and you will be given advice on ways to reduce your exposure to criminal activity.

Well-Being Program

The Police Department provides an active Well-Being check program for citizens who are elderly and live alone or who are incapacitated in some way. The Community Policing Officer will make periodic contacts by telephone or in person.

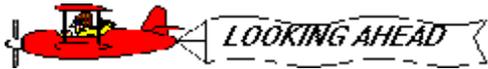
The above programs are all provided free of charge to Town residents. If you

having a swimming pool constructed or having their pool refurbished. Swimming pool construction activity may require the draining of pool water or the pumping of ground water from beneath the pool tank. The location and manner of the discharge of this water is a subject of concern for the Town, as the water is often transported directly to the nearest storm sewer inlet or pumped directly onto the street

Direct discharge of water onto the street or into the storm sewer system is a violation of the Town Code. Pollution in the form of sand, sediment, and chemicals can lead to expensive maintenance issues for the Town and pollution of the Indian River lagoon.

So if you can't discharge the water directly onto the street, what can you do? Acceptable options include the discharge of water onto your property, upland of the street, allowing the water to soak into the ground filtered by grass and plants. Another method is to drain the water into a barrel on your property, which will act as a sediment trap before it overflows. Please be mindful of where you or your swimming pool contractor discharges your pool water, and as always, if you have questions or need assistance don't hesitate to call the building department at 727-3377.

would like more information, please contact Community Policing Officer Terry Tenpenny at 723-7788.



- ü The annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 3rd in Orlando Park beginning at 9:00 am.
- ü The public is invited to a workshop addressing **Code Enforcement** concerns, the law, rules of procedure and the concept of due process. The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 pm in the Council chamber
- ü Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of **Memorial Day**

UPCOMING MEETINGS			
APRIL			
7	7:00 PM	Code Enforcement	
12	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation	
20	8:00 AM	Heritage	
Committee			
20	7:00 PM	Town Council	
27	5:30 PM	Zoning and	
Planning			
28	10:00 AM	Pension Boards	
MAY			
10	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation	
18	8:00 AM	Heritage	
Committee			
18	7:00 PM	Town Council	
25	5:30 PM	Zoning and	
Planning			
The Volunteer Fire Department meets every Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Fire Department, 216 Fourth Ave.			



Mayor Trott and Public Works Director Cassedy complete installation of the new fire truck in Orlando Park

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 plants such as marigold and garlic

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 suppress the growth of understory plants, destroying food and shelter for wildlife. Covering more than a million acres in Florida, it is the most widespread exotic plant in the state.

The most effective way to treat Brazilian 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

- 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

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.

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