

# INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

April 2007

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## Town Plants Trees

Nearly 200 trees are scheduled for planting in public areas over the next few months. Gumbo Limbo, Sea Grape, Silver Buttonwood and Sabal Palm trees are planned for the south side of the Melbourne Causeway. Silver Buttonwood, E. Palatka Holly, and Sabal Palm trees are to be spread over Sunrise, Nance, Orlando, and Douglas parks.

Council applied for funds from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in February, 2005, to replace trees lost on the south side of the Melbourne Causeway due to hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Both funding requests were approved resulting in Council committing the \$34,000 in FDOT monies for causeway trees and the Department of Agriculture monies for trees in Town parks.

Securing FDOT funds was delayed due to the FDOT requirement that the planting plan be prepared by a registered landscape architect. That plan was provided to the Town and approved by Council in September, 2006. The bid process followed with Council awarding the project to the low bidder, i.e. Florida Green, in February, 2007. Installation is scheduled to occur in June, 2007.

The Urban and Community Forestry grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was for a smaller amount. The non-local monies total \$10,050 with the Town contributing \$1,235 in-kind and \$8,815 in local cash. Council approved shifting these monies from the causeway to the various parks and is awaiting the State's approval of the project description modification. Installation is planned for this summer.



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### **SWALE CONSTRUCTION**

*Public Works personnel, with the support of area residents, have been installing drainage swales, at various locations within Town street rights-of-way. Recent swale improvements include the 400 block of Wayne Avenue.*

*Council adopted the shallow swale concept in 1991 when it accepted the Stormwater Drainage Report. Swales are a commonly used stormwater practice recommended by federal and state officials*



*to treat runoff to reduce pollutants. They are constructed with gently sloping sides and are wider than they are deep which allows for easy maintenance by homeowners. This configuration causes*

*runoff to be slowed and spread over a broader area. Swales typically dry out within a 12 to 24 hour period.*

*Property owners desiring to have a swale installed in the street right-of-way in front of their property should contact Public Works Director Ron Cassedy at 984-5224.*

## **RECENT COUNCIL ACTION**

### **February 20, 2007 Meeting**

- authorized the Brevard Mosquito Control District to operate an aircraft over the Town to spray for mosquitoes
- approved Amendment #1 to the Joint Participation Agreement for Causeway trees bringing the total of FDOT funds to \$34,000; approved Res. 07-06 authorizing the Town Manager to sign all required documents
- approved a bid award and contract for the Melbourne Causeway Landscape Improvements to Florida Green in the amount of \$33,825.46
- approved a craft show in Nance Park on October 13 and 14, 2007
- approved a traffic signal maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation
- approved a lifeguard agreement with Brevard County for 2007
- approved Res. 07-07 relating to surplus property for affordable housing
- agreed to secure additional information about pedestrian signing at the US-192/Riverside Drive intersection
- accepted the audit report for FY 05/06

### **March 20, 2007 Meeting**

## **NEW FACES IN TOWN**

Coney Island at Boardwalk – 115 S. Miramar – Restaurant (take-out)

Island Time Tanning – 420 Fifth Avenue – Tanning salon

Margaret Napolitan – 333 Sixth Avenue – Attorney

3 Sigma Research, Inc. – 134 Fifth Avenue – Software development

## **COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2007**

*The Town Council recently adopted the following goals for the Town for 2007:*

- *Preserve/protect the present single-family characteristics of the Town – e.g. encourage sidewalk development*
- *Address the Town's aging infrastructure – e.g. replace stormwater pipes*
- *Improve the appearance of the Melbourne Causeway east of the Ernest Kouwen-Hoven Bridge*
- *Explore annexation opportunities*
- *Decrease the ponding of water in the public rights-of-way after a rainfall*
- *Continue efforts to improve the quality of stormwater run-off – e.g. encourage the installation of swales*
- *Maintain the historic high quality level of service within the police and fire departments*

- approved a Transportation Impact Fee Trust Fund (TIFT) disbursement agreement with Brevard County in the amount of \$32,310 for sections of sidewalk on Fourth and N. Ramona avenues and on N. Riverside Place
- approved Res. 07-08, Res. 07-09 and Res. 07-10 relating to a modification to the Urban and Community Forestry Grant to plant trees in Sunrise, Nance, Orlando and Douglas parks
- adopted Ord. 07-04 amending Sec. 2-21 relating to vacancies in candidacy for Town Council
- adopted Ord. 07-05 extending the sunset provision relating to certain outdoor cafes
- adopted Ord. 07-06 granting an electric franchise to Florida Power & Light Company

- *Promote activities to bring recognition to the Town without burdening the residents*
  - *Improve communications with Town residents*
- A full list of the 2007 Goals/Objectives can be found on the Town's website.*

**UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

**THERE ARE OPENINGS, INCLUDING REAPPOINTMENTS, ON THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, HERITAGE COMMITTEE, AND PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE – [WWW.INDIALANTIC.COM](http://WWW.INDIALANTIC.COM) - OR IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE OPENINGS, PLEASE CALL 723-2242**



**POLICE BEAT**

The Internet is buzzing these days with a reported threat to 90 percent of homes, called "lock bumping". According to these blogs, criminals can force their way into a home with this old locksmith's trick. By using a certain series of cuts on a regular key plus a couple of taps, the bad guy can supposedly defeat most locks.

**Cliff Notes:**

*Indialantic Code Sec. 5.5-65 states that trash container areas shall be maintained in a manner so as to provide maximum screening on all sides exposed to the public view. For all residential districts, trash container areas shall be to the rear of the front*



With lock bumping how-to's floating around the Internet, a lot of people want to know how to protect themselves against it. Eddie Struttmann from Beach Discount Plumbing/ Ace Hardware has several different door lock combinations that can work in conjunction with the door lock assembly that you are currently using. These combination locks will work on your front and back doors. Eddie is currently attending a hardware conference and stated he will be updating us in the near future.

Are you likely to have your lock bumped? Probably not. The chances of that happening are probably no greater than they were before the hype started. Skilled locksmiths have had difficulty bumping locks. It's not a simple skill and takes a lot of practice to master.

Some additional things a homeowner can do, include checking the lighting around the entrances of their home. Burglars like to work in the dark and not be seen. Alarm systems and dogs can also make good deterrents. Landscaping can also be something to look at. If you have large bushes and shrubs covering the exterior doors and windows to your home, a burglar can hide behind them during the day or night while attempting to gain entry to your home and avoid being detected from the street.

For assistance in home security, door locks or other related issues, contact Eddie Struttmann at 321-724-1556 or Community Policing Officer Terrv Tenpennv at ([ftenpennv@indialantic.com](mailto:ftenpennv@indialantic.com))

areas shall be to the rear of the front building line.

### **Cliff Stokes, Building Official**

***A Reminder - Keep Brevard Beautiful is sponsoring its annual Trash Bash as part of the Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested in serving as the Site Captain or Co-Captain may contact me at 984-5224. Volunteers are also needed to pick up trash so come join us and generate community pride while enhancing the quality of life in Indialantic.***

### **Ron Cassedy, Public Works Director**

#### **INDIALANTIC FIRE RESCUE**



The volunteers and staff at the Fire Department are pleased to introduce a communication device to the public that will receive emergency communications from the fire and police department in the advent of a local emergency. This device will also receive weather alerts and other types of alerts as selected by the homeowner. If you would like traffic reports or reports from your children's school or just general information on events and activities, you can elect to receive these types of messages. The homeowner owns the device and other than the initial purchase of the unit there are no recurring costs. It comes with a back-up battery that will work for about 60 hours should you lose power. You can take it with you should you need to evacuate and receive updates as to when to return home. There is great versatility to this system and it has the ability to grow with additional services based on the desires of the community and technology. The cost is very reasonable and comparative with existing weather radios that only provide weather alerts.

The unit also doubles as a desk radio that you can use as a morning alarm clock radio with preselected radio stations. The unit will monitor for emergency alerts as long as there is power to the unit. The recent events with tornadoes at 2 AM where people had no idea that there was severe weather approaching is a good example of the need for this type of system. Should there be a

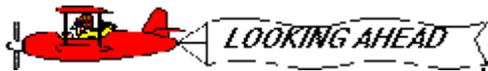
or 723-7788.

Terry Tenpenny

Community Policing Officer

local emergency that could affect our residents you would also have warning. An alert with this system would reach each unit within 3-5 seconds of being sent. For more information or a demonstration please contact the Indialantic Fire Department at 723-0366.

Jon Macdonald, Fire Chief



ü Town Hall

will be closed Monday, May 28 – **Memorial Day**

ü New **telephone books** will be delivered soon. Old phone books can be placed in the Harris recycling bins for curbside pickup or in the outdoor dumpster west of the Fire Department on Fourth Avenue

## **Turtle Awareness**

Each summer, Florida beaches host the largest gathering of nesting sea turtles in the United States. Emerging hatchlings leave their sand nests and scramble to the ocean – a journey too often disrupted by their attraction to artificial lighting.



To protect hatchlings, please remember that the Town code states that no artificial lighting may illuminate any area of the beach after 11:00 pm from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is also unlawful to remove sea turtles or their eggs from the beach or to disturb turtle nests.

For more information regarding sea turtles or turtle walks, contact the Sea Turtle Preservation Society at 676-1701

[www.seaturtlespacecoast.org](http://www.seaturtlespacecoast.org)

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

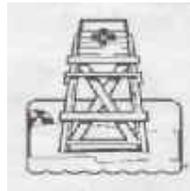
### APRIL

5	5:30 PM	Board of Adjustment
17	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
17	7:00 PM	Town Council
23	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
24	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning
25	10:00 AM	Pension Boards

### MAY

15	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
15	7:00 PM	Town Council
22	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning
28	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation

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



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

*Spring Break - March 24 – April 1*

*Summer coverage - May 23 - Aug. 7*

*Weekends – April 7 – Sept. 3*

*Colored flags will be posted on each tower and on the flag pole at the eastern end of Fifth Avenue 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.

**The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee recently presented the Town Beautification Award to the Indialantic Post Office, 200 N. Palm Avenue.**

**To nominate a business or residence for recognition of efforts to improve and beautify buildings and/or grounds, contact Julie Holmgren at 723-2242 or at [jholmgren@indialantic.com](mailto:jholmgren@indialantic.com)**

**BLUE** – marine pest warning; pests can include sea lice, jellyfish or sharks

**DOUBLE** – dangerous conditions; do not

**RED** enter the water

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