



# INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

June 2007

## Our Town: Fifty-Five Years Young

*By Denise Bozeman*



Mayor Cochran presents proclamations to Pastor Elmer Floyd, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and Denise Bozeman, Chairperson of the Heritage Committee



Deputy Mayor Benevente celebrates with giggle therapist Polka Dotty

Celebrating 55 years as an incorporated community the Heritage Committee, with the support of neighbors and local businesses, organized a one-day commemoration on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Committee began planning for the event back in June of 2006. The idea was to organize an event inviting family and friends to look back at the settlement of our one square-mile seaside community and its subsequent growth, and have fun. The celebration began at Eastminster Presbyterian Church with a moderated interactive panel of long-time residents and historians discussing personal stories and recollections of Indialantic. The morning's event, attended by approximately 200 people, culminated with the announcement of a town photo post-card contest winner and the highly anticipated premiere of a documentary produced by the Heritage Committee entitled "Indialantic By-the-Sea: Portrait of a Community." The DVD was extremely well received and continues to be available for sale along with the winning photo contest post-cards at town hall. At noon, festivities moved to Orlando Park where 300 people enjoyed family-styled fun, food and drinks, music, historical and informative displays, and the promotion of community safety. Indialantic's anniversary was a perfect occasion to enjoy Florida's idyllic springtime weather, share time with friends, and celebrate our town's history. Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

### ***FIFTH AVENUE TASK FORCE CREATED***

*Members are being sought to serve on a new task force created to review Fifth Avenue. Council members agreed at their May meeting to create a task force to consider the appearance of Fifth Avenue as well as pedestrian and vehicular movements.*

*Seven residents will be appointed to the task force which will be expected to consider a variety of matters affecting Fifth Avenue including the following:*

*pedestrian walking areas, motor vehicle driving areas, design restrictions, parking, signs, level of public and private maintenance and street furniture. A final report is expected in eighteen months from the task force's first meeting with an interim report at the half-way mark.*

*Business owners/operators are requested to submit an application, however, the Town Charter requires that they also be a resident of the Town to be appointed. Non-resident business owners/operators are being requested to attend and participate in task force meetings even though they cannot be members.*

*Interested residents are requested to complete an application noting the desire to serve on this task force. Forms are available on the Town's website or from the Town Clerk. Appointments are expected to be made at the Council's June 19, 2007 meeting.*

**RECENT COUNCIL ACTION**

**April 17, 2007 Meeting**

- approved an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management to receive Hazard Mitigation grant funds in the amount of \$17,042 to install shutters on Town Hall (local match is \$5,681)
- approved a First Responder agreement with Brevard County to receive \$34,897
- agreed to test an e-mail sign up system to improve communications with Town residents

**May 15, 2007 Meeting**

- approved Amendment #1 to the Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Agreement for mowing Sunrise Park effective October 1
- approved the allocation of Edward C. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant funds to the Brevard County Sheriff's Department for prisoner transportation/booking improvement
- adopted Ordinance 07-07 prohibiting fires in or on any park structure
- adopted Ordinance 07-08 relating to sea turtle preservation

**UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

**THERE ARE OPENINGS, INCLUDING REAPPOINTMENTS, ON THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, HERITAGE COMMITTEE, PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AND THE NEWLY CREATED FIFTH AVENUE TASK FORCE. 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.**

**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**

Hurricane season is again upon us and lasts through November 30. August and September are the peak months for storm activity. Hurricane hazards can include flooding, storm surge, high winds or tornados. Please be prepared.

**Have disaster supplies on hand** – flashlight, battery operated radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, non-electric can opener, medications, three day supply of food and water, cash, gas in car.

**Prepare your property** – protect windows with shutters or plywood; secure garage door; bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys and garden tools; turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings; store valuables

· adopted Ordinance 07-09 amending the Mayor's compensation to be consistent with that paid to other Council members

· agreed to create a task force to consider existing conditions and possible improvements for Fifth Avenue

## NEW FACES IN TOWN

Julie Glocker Pierce, LLC – 105 S. Riverside Drive, Ste. 200 - Attorney

The Surf Gallery – 826 N. Miramar – Retail

Advanced Construction and Contract Management - 103 N. Riverside – Construction contracting

Vista Title – 333 Sixth Avenue – Title company

Keldorff, Inc. dba ERA Showcase – 400 N. Miramar – Real estate

XYZ Boutique, Inc. – 412 Fifth Avenue - Retail

refrigerator and freezer to correct settings, store valuables and important papers in waterproof containers; and trim dead or weak branches from trees far enough in advance of hurricanes so that the debris can be removed by Harris Sanitation.

**Evacuate if advised by officials** – have an evacuation route planned (be prepared to drive 20 to 50 miles inland); make arrangements for pets; unplug appliances and turn off electricity and main water valve; return home only after officials advise that it is safe to do so. Develop an emergency communication plan in case family members are separated.



Public Works personnel construct a swale at 429 Eighth Avenue. Swales are a commonly used stormwater practice recommended by federal and state officials to treat runoff to reduce pollutants.



## POLICE BEAT

The Police Department will provide free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with "Project Childsafe," the nationwide firearms education program. These safety kits will be distributed at the Police Department on a first come first serve basis to local residents who provide proof of residency.

Chief Morris encourages residents to pick up a "Project ChildSafe" safety kit so they can securely store their firearm. Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gunlock. The lock fits most types of handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing a firearm in your home.

## SEA TURTLE FRIENDLY WORKSHOP

*If you live within a few blocks of the beach then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marine Turtle Lighting Extravaganza at the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> is just for you. The event begins at 9 a.m. when state and federal lighting experts present an educational workshop and vendors will be available with turtle friendly lighting products. The Sea Turtle Preservation Society will have a nest display as well as turtle merchandise and educational material. Melbourne Beach author Mara Uman Hixon will also be on hand selling and signing her children's book "Turtles Way: Loggy, Green, and Leather."*

*The event is being co-sponsored by the Cocoa Beach Holiday Inn and the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Office. For more information, call 633-2016, ext. 52431*

*Ron Cassidy, Public Works Director*

The Police Department also has available new Home Safety Emergency guides designed to help you take action for home emergencies and natural disasters. We hope you will take home safety and disaster warnings seriously by keeping this guide on your refrigerator door and following its suggestions. The preparations you do now will reduce personal and material loss and create the safety net you need if an emergency arises.

An on-site home security survey of your home to help identify potential features that might make your home an easy target can be conducted by the Police Department. An inspection list will be completed and you will be given advice on ways to reduce your exposure to criminal activity. These surveys take very little time and may help you sleep a little better at night knowing that you have taken a stance against crime. Remember, crime prevention-it's up to you!

For further assistance contact Community Policing Officer Terry Tenpenny at 723-7788 or [ttenpenny@indialantic.com](mailto:ttenpenny@indialantic.com). Thank you and have a great summer!

*Cliff Notes:*

*As most residents have noted, the buildings that formerly housed restaurants Ocean View Diner and Ocean Breeze have been removed. The area has been fenced to protect the public and lessen the owner's liability exposure.*

*The property owner is developing plans for development of the property; however, none have been submitted to date. Plans will need the approval of the Town's Zoning and Planning Board before any construction can commence.*

*The new Java Surf next to Bizzaros is projected to open in June. This project has been amazing and is going to be a tremendous addition to the business*



**INDIALANTIC FIRE RESCUE**

I am pleased to announce the arrival of the new Via-Radio. We are the first community in Brevard County to endorse this product and anticipate that other municipalities will soon follow. The radios need to be ordered if you want one. Delivery is usually within two days. The cost is \$100 plus 6% sales tax and checks should be made payable to the Indialantic Volunteer Firefighters.

This is a first alert radio that allows you to receive immediate messages from the Police or Fire Department in the event of an emergency. You can also elect to receive messages from your school or the National Weather Service and traffic announcements. You can customize your set-up menu to fit your personal needs. The radio has a back up battery that will last 60 hours without power so alerts can be received during power outages. You own the radio and should you move where there is a system in place, you can use the radio there. At the present time, the radio will only work within Brevard County.

In all multi-family buildings it is unlawful to have any gas grill, hibachi, or charcoal grill above the ground floor. Only approved electric grills are allowed. We are currently surveying local structures for compliance.

There is no open burning allowed in the town limits of Indialantic. This means bonfires, incinerators, and piles of leaves or any other type of fire on the ground or in a container. The Town will not issue burn permits.

Please be sure to post your house numbers clearly as it could shorten our response time should you need us. Numbers posted on both sides of your mail box are the most visible to responding units.

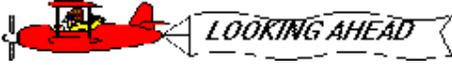
Jon Macdonald, Fire Chief

**REMINDER – PLEASE PLACE YARD TRASH IN AUTO CARTS WHENEVER POSSIBLE – THE CLAM TRUCK SERVICE IS FOR LARGE PILES ONLY.**

community. Everyone must see this place, it is awesome. See you there.

Cliff Stokes, Building Official

ü Town Hall will be closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day



Mayor Cochran presents a proclamation to Public Works Director Ron Cassedy recognizing May 20-26 as Public Works Week

*Invasive Species Spotlight: Australian Pine - from the Indian River Lagoon newsletter, "The Marker"*

*The Australian pine, Casuarina spp., is a highly invasive species that was introduced to Florida in the late 1800's. There are three different species all referred to as Australian pine and all are prohibited to sell or grow in Florida. Australian pines can grow up to 150 feet tall. Its needles are dark grayish-green, which distinguish it from native species of pine that have brighter green needles. Australian pines bury native species under a constant rain of needles and raise the acidity of the soil, preventing natives from regrowing. Their shallow root systems encourage shoreline erosion and cause them to topple easily in high winds. Australian pine covered shorelines suffered by far the greatest amount of erosion in the local 2004 hurricanes and often resulted in emergency repairs at tax-payer expense*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

JUNE

6	7:00 PM	Code Enforcement
7	5:30 PM	Board of
Adjustment		
19	8:00 AM	Heritage
Committee		
19	7:00 PM	Town Council
25	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and

Planning

JULY

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

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in coordination with the LPA Group, Inc. will host a Public Information Meeting regarding the planned replacement of three bridges in two locations on the SR 500 (US-192) Causeway.

The public meeting will be held from 5-7 pm on Monday, June 11 at the Eastminster Presbyterian Church and will be an open house format with a brief project overview to be given at 5:30 and again at 6:30. This meeting will allow citizens an opportunity to preview the proposed design criteria, ask questions and submit written comments about the project. Project information will be displayed and personnel will be available to answer questions.

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*Benevente, Deputy Mayor; Councilmembers Dave Berkman, Bruce Bogert and Loren Goldfarb; Christopher W. Chinault, Town Manager; Laura Eaton, Town Clerk –www.indialantic.com - 321-723-2242*

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