

INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

December 2007

COUNCIL MEMBERS

SWORN IN

Council members Vincent Benevente and Lori Halbert began their two year terms after being sworn in by Town Attorney Paul Gougelman at the November 20, 2007 Council meeting. Election results: Lori Halbert - 196 votes to 187 for



Bruce Bogert. Councilman Benevente was unopposed. Councilman Benevente was selected Deputy Mayor for the next year. Additional appointments to represent the Town are as follows:

Space Coast League of Cities – Deputy Mayor Benevente, Councilman Goldfarb as alternate

Florida League of Cities Home Rule Administrative Council – Deputy Mayor Benevente, Councilman Goldfarb as alternate

Brevard County Water Supply Board – Deputy Mayor Benevente

South Beaches Coalition – Councilman Goldfarb, Councilman Berkman as alternate



Town Public Works personnel install a new play item in Nance Park to replace the feature that was previously at this location. The original play item, funded with Florida Recreation

MY SAFE FLORIDA PROGRAM

Homeowners, please take note of the My Safe Florida (MSF) program. If you own a single family home built before 2004 which is homesteaded you are entitled to a free wind inspection paid by the state. These are the same type of wind inspections many insurance companies are suggesting to reduce your rates.

You can apply at www.mysafefloridahome.com or call **1-866-513-6734**

Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) monies, was secured from Game Time and installed in May, 2001. It was replaced a year and one-half later due to deterioration. The first replacement item lasted about four and one-half years before it too had to be replaced. Replacement of the play item is covered under warranty. The latest feature has received a different coating by the manufacturer to better withstand the beach elements.

Copies of the report, which reviews type of construction, roof type, shutters, etc., can be given to your insurance company. The average discount in Brevard County as a result of the inspection is 19.8%.

MSF also provides assistance in hardening your home. For homes with an insured value of less than \$300,000, the program provides a dollar for dollar matching grant of \$5,000 to improve items noted in the report. After completion of the improvements additional discounts may be available

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

October 16, 2007 Meeting

- approved Budget Adjustment #1 for FY 07/08
- accepted the performance evaluations for the Town Manager for the period of September 27, 2006 through September 26, 2007 and approved a positive salary adjustment
- approved applying for Sea Turtle Friendly Light grant for a portion of Wavecrest Avenue
- agreed to review additional evaluation forms for future evaluations of the Town Manager

November 20, 2007 Meeting

- approved final budget adjustments for FY-07
- approved an agreement with Clark Sales Display, Inc. to provide holiday decorations for 2008, 2009 and 2010 at a cost of \$4,480 per year
- approved a lifeguard agreement with Brevard County at a cost of \$39,480
- adopted Res. 08-01 designating personnel authorized to sign checks



Florida Green, Inc. representatives, under a \$15,761 contract with the Town, plant palm trees in Orlando Park. The trees were secured through a 50/50 Urban and Community Forestry grant with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The project consisted of planting 65 sabal palms, three E. Palatka Holly trees, and eight silver buttonwood trees throughout Sunrise, Nance, Orlando, and Douglas parks

- approved a parking meter use agreement with Bizzarro's for 2008
- approved the annual art show for January 19 & 20, 2008 in Nance Park
- approved a Local Law Enforcement grant application in the amount of \$1,159 – no local match
- adopted Ord. 08-01 relating to vacation rentals
- adopted Res. 08-02 adopting the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Comprehensive Plan



Don Bo, Inc. employees install sections of sidewalk on Fourth and N. Ramona avenues. Missing sidewalk links were added along the south side of Fourth Avenue east of N. Ramona Avenue and included sections along the west side of N. Ramona Avenue north and south of Fourth Avenue. The Town covered the \$13,291 cost from the Transportation Impact Fee Trust fund.

NEW FACES IN TOWN

Capstone Educational Services, LLC – 225 Fifth Avenue – Cognitive training services

Ambra Clerc – 720 N. Miramar – Manicurist (Cuticles Salon)

Terry Garant – 225 Fifth Avenue – Manicurist (Horizons)

Nominations for Beautification Award

The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee is looking for nominations for the Town Beautification Award. Winners will be announced in the newsletter and be acknowledged with a temporary sign on the property.

Businesses and residences may be recognized for efforts to improve and beautify buildings and grounds. The Committee members will visit the nominated locations and select winners. To nominate a building or property, contact Julie Holmgren at Town Hall – 723-2242 or at jholmgren@indialantic.com



POLICE BEAT

With the holiday season already upon us and in particular for all of the new residents who have joined us, I would again like to pass on some recommendations about personal safety that I believe are particularly important at this time of year.

Unfortunately, there is a certain element of our society that prefers to support their holiday season at the expense of others. 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

Cliff Notes:

With the market being what it is today there is a lot of competition to get a contract for construction work. Please do a background check on contractors before you hire them. Call Contractor Licensing of Brevard County at 633-2058 - or the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation - www.myflorida.com/dbpr to check the license status. It will save you time and money in the long run.

Cliff Stokes, Building Official

INDIALANTIC FIRE RESCUE

It is that time of year when we look forward to the holidays and festive times with family and friends. As we associate with people, either shopping or at parties, we are exposed to many

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 in your vehicle, 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.

Please remember that we provide a complete Home Security Survey service that is free of charge to any resident of the Town of Indialantic. To schedule a Home Security Survey or if you would like to know about any of the other services provided by the police department, call 723-7788 or email communityofficer@indialantic.com. You can also find important information by going to the Town's web site at www.indialantic.com and following the link to the main police page.

Thank you for your continued support and have a safe and happy holiday season!

Troy W. Morris, Chief of Police

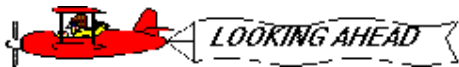
viruses during the cooler months. Among the most common exposure is the flu virus. In the United States more than 200,000 people are hospitalized with the flu each year and nearly 36,000 people die from complications from the flu. Five to twenty percent of the population will suffer flu symptoms each year. Prevention is easy, each year obtain a flu shot. If you are over the age of fifty or have other health problems, it is even more important to have an annual flu shot. The Indialantic Fire Department is trying to make it easier to obtain one and less expensive. Our professional paramedics are some of the best in the county in administering flu vaccine. Most agencies and commercial companies are offering the flu vaccine for \$30.00 or more. Our price from the Volunteer Firefighters Association is only \$20.00 or a \$10.00 savings and can be applied to your Medicare benefit. Stop by the station at 216 Fourth Avenue, Indialantic for your lifesaving flu shot today before the virus spreads throughout Brevard County.

Please pay close attention to fire safety when setting out Christmas trees and ornaments. Be aware of where you put candles and be certain to blow them out when you leave home. Be sure your smoke detector is operating and your live tree is well hydrated. A good test for that is to bend the needles, they should be soft and pliable. If they snap it is time to remove the tree from the home. It only takes seconds for a Christmas tree to be consumed by fire when it is dry. Turn off all ornamental lighting before retiring or leaving the house. Don't burn candles near a live tree or paper ornaments or close to curtains and be sure not to leave them unattended. Our citizens are important to us. You are a valued asset to the Town of Indialantic. We want everyone to stay safe this year and we would prefer not to run emergency calls during the holidays. Happy Holidays from the Indialantic Fire Rescue Department.

Chief Macdonald

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

YARD WASTE REMINDER – Residents are requested to place yard waste in the autocart for Thursday pick up if the amount of yard waste will fit in the autocart. Should the amount of waste be too large to fit into the autocart, residents should call Waste Management at 723-4455 to have the large pile removed from in front of their property.



- ü Town Hall will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th for Christmas and January 1st - New Year's Day
- ü The annual Art Show will be held January 19th and 20th in Nance Park

The traditional **Holiday Tree Lighting** will take place



UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER

5	6:00 PM	Code Enforcement
6	8:00 AM	5 th Ave. Task Force
6	5:30 PM	Board of Adjustment
11	5:30 PM	Zoning Board
18	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
18	7:00 PM	Town Council
20	8:00 AM	5 th Ave. Task Force

JANUARY

3	8:00 AM	5 th Ave. Task Force
3	5:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition
15	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
15	7:00 PM	Town Council

Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 pm in Nance Park. This annual observance of the holiday season will include a short program, a visit from Santa and refreshments for the kids



- 15 7:00 PM Town Council
- 17 8:00 AM 5th Ave. Task Force
- 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

LUMINARIA sales began December 3 and continue through December 24. The kits will be available at Town Hall during regular business hours through the 21st and at the Fire Station the 22nd through



the 24th. Luminaria candles are lit on Christmas Eve, just in time for Santa's trip through Town atop his fire truck sleigh. The candles are placed along sidewalks at dusk.

All proceeds from this project, sponsored by the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee, are used for beautification projects throughout the Town.

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Indialantic youngsters enjoy the Town's annual Halloween festivities. Special thanks to Regions Bank, Riverside National Bank, the Police, Fire and Public Works departments, Jan Acker and the many people who donated prizes and volunteered to make this event such a success.