



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

April 2008

CONGRESSMAN WELDON PRESENTS CHECK

Congressman Dave Weldon presented a ceremonial check to Mayor Robert L. Cochran, Jr. on March 18, 2008, representing a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant award in the amount of \$40,850.



These monies, to be matched with \$2,150 in local funds, will be used to install an exhaust system in the bay portion of the Indialantic Fire Station. The exhaust system will be designed to remove gasses and particulates from the station.

In addition to the four bay area, the fire station is comprised of offices, a meeting room, and living quarters for fire/rescue personnel.

Application for the FEMA Firefighter Assistance grant was filed in May, 2007, by Fire Chief Jon Macdonald.

Short-Term (Vacation) Rental Regulation Tightened

Council tightened up regulations governing the short-term rental of property on November 20, 2007 (Ordinance 08-01). Vacation (or short-term) rental is defined as a residential structure that is rented or held out to be rented for less than 90 days. They continue to be permitted only in the Tourist District (east of SR-A1A south of Watson Drive and north of Tampa Avenue except for the commercial area around Fifth Avenue).

To lodge a complaint against a property not in the Tourist District that is being used for vacation rental the following may be helpful:

1. Code complaint should be sent to codeenforcement@indialantic.com ; Code Enforcement, Town of Indialantic, 216 Fifth Avenue, Indialantic, FL 32903; (321) 723-2242 or faxed to (321) 984-3867 ATTN: Code Enforcement.
2. Complaint will be logged in, acknowledgement sent to person filing the complaint, and the complaint forwarded to the Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer for action with copy to the Town Manager to monitor and/or address.
3. Process for action is as follows:
 1. If pictures are provided with the complaint they need to have the date and time that the pictures were taken as well as the person's name and address who took the pictures. It is desired that whoever takes the pictures be willing to appear at a future Code Board meeting, should this

complaint reach the Code Board, to authenticate the information. Pictures of cars in front of a residence should reflect the vehicle in proximity to the residence.

- j. Staff will visit the site and take pictures, if not provided, or in addition to those provided.
- k. Staff will advise the occupant as to the short-term rental regulations in the Town and inquire about whether the occupants are renting for a short period of time (i.e. less than 90 days). Approaching the residence will occur during normal business hours.
 - (1) Staff will request a copy of any lease that the occupant has in his/her possession reflecting the length of time for which the residence is being rented.
 - (2) Staff will note if the occupant indicates he/she has rented the residence for a period of time shorter than the 90 day period and from whom he/she rented the residence.
- l. Staff will independently check the internet, local newspapers, and any available publications that might verify that a residence is being rented for periods of time less than 90 days.
- m. Staff will send a warning citing the violation if one appears to exist. The owner will have 10 days to comply. Staff will indicate that the owner should call the Code Officer when the violation has been remedied. The owner will be requested to supply the town with a copy of any lease(s) that he/she has indicating that the length of time for the rental of the residence is at least 90 days. Note: If the owner fails to contact the Code Officer and resolve the matter or if the problem appears to continue a Statement of Violation will be sent putting the matter before the Code Enforcement Board.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

February 19, 2008 Meeting

- approved a School Concurrency Interlocal Agreement with the County, the School Board and other Brevard municipalities as required by state law
- approved applying for a Sea Turtle Friendly Light Grant through U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- authorized the Town Attorney to file suit, if necessary, against Florida Irrigation and Putting Greens, Inc. d/b/a Florida Green regarding park trees
- expressed concern to Bright House Networks regarding increased cost for access to SCGTV

March 18, 2008 Meeting

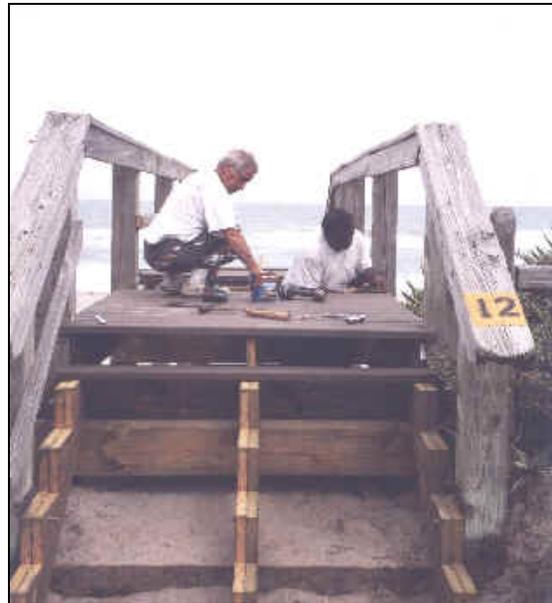
- approved a Planning Agreement Supplement with LaRue Planning and Management Services, Inc. in the amount of \$3,500 for required Comprehensive Plan modifications
- designated the Town Manager to represent the Town on the School Concurrency Capital Outlay Committee
- approved a First Responder Agreement with the County in the amount of \$36,246
- adopted Ord. 08-04 allowing regular part time employees to receive an annual beach parking permit at no cost
- adopted Ord. 08-05 amending the Personnel/Civil Service Manual to provide for extended unpaid leave for families of certain military service members

NEW FACES IN TOWN

Sun Trust Bank – 500 N. Miramar Avenue - Bank

Luis Angel Designs, Inc. – 104 N. Ramona – Jewelry design

Time to Sign, Inc. – 211 Fourth Avenue – sign language products and services



Tony Breglio and Isaiah Cepeda reconstruct dune crossover #12 at the eastern end of Eighth Avenue. Council budgeted \$3,600 in Beach Enterprise Fund monies for this project.

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- adopted Ord. 08-06 allowing voters to consider a Charter amendment relating to the electronic transfer of funds
- reviewed individual Council member goals and objectives for 2008
- authorized Council member Halbert to serve as the Town's representative on the Space Coast League of Cities Energy Efficiency Action Coalition

ANIMAL ACTIVITY IS RESTRICTED

Residents are reminded that dogs are not permitted to defecate on street rights-of-way, sidewalks, or on the property of anyone except that property of the dog owner (see Town Code section 4-20). Additionally, dogs are not permitted in Town parks or on the beach unless the dog is trained to assist disabled or handicapped persons (see Town Code section 4-21).

Dogs and cats are not permitted to run off of the owner's premises unless on a leash (see Town Code sections 4-1, 4-18).

The penalty for violating these code sections is provided for in Town Code section 4-2 and can include a fine of not more than \$500.



Don Bo, Inc. representatives install a new sidewalk leading away from the Nance Park restrooms as part of the Town's effort to improve pedestrian movement within the park. Work is being funded as part of a \$50,000 FRDAP grant for park improvements.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The annual Brevard County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program takes place Saturday, April 5th at St. Sebastian's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 2010 Oak St., Melbourne Beach. Residents can drop off paint, oil, antifreeze, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, batteries and electronic equipment from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. only.

Do your part to reduce toxic materials in our landfills and ground and surface water resources!



POLICE BEAT

We have recently experienced an increase in thefts in our residential areas. These thefts have occurred primarily from yards, unlocked vehicles, and open or unsecured garages. Several arrests have been made over the last few weeks of

Discuss Fences and Walls

Fences and walls proposed for residential front yards will be the topic of the May 27, 2008, Town Zoning & Planning Board meeting. The public is encouraged to attend and voice support or concerns at this meeting.

Recent discussions have included the possibility of permitting six foot high masonry walls along Riverside Drive and/or three to four foot high picket fences in the front setback area in other residential sections of Town. Interest has generated in this topic as a means to lessen motor vehicle noise due to increased levels of traffic, provide increased security, and enable residents to better utilize front yards for children to

persons prowling around the neighborhoods in the early morning hours. I encourage everyone to remain vigilant in their efforts to keep homes and vehicles secure and not to present an easy target to potential criminals. Almost all of the burglaries and/or thefts that we have had reported so far this year were crimes of opportunity and most would probably not have occurred if the victim's doors and windows had been secured. Well-positioned outdoor lighting can also often be a successful deterrent to such crimes. Please report suspicious activity to the Police Department immediately!

The Town's CodeRED system, which provides notifications such as evacuation orders, boil water notices, crime information, and other items of importance to the community was recently activated to notify residents of these residential thefts. If you primarily use a cell phone, are new to Indialantic, or have recently changed your phone number you may not be in the database to receive these important calls. Please remember that you can add a phone number to the system yourself by going to the Police web page at

<http://www.indialantic.com/contents/police/police.htm> and clicking on the CodeRED link. If you have more than one phone line you may receive calls to each one. If you do not receive a call, do not want to receive calls in the future, have multiple phone lines and want a phone number added or deleted from the database, or just have a question about the Community Warning System, please contact Sergeant Michael Casey at 723-7788 or email at mcasey@indialantic.com

I would also like to congratulate your new Community Policing Officer, Officer Ryan Deschenes, who was recently chosen as the Indialantic Police Officer of the Year for 2007. If you run into him, please convey your appreciation for his hard work and dedication!

Troy W. Morris, Chief of Police

to better utilize front yards for children to play.

Those unable to attend this informal discussion with the Zoning & Planning Board at 5:30 p.m. on May 27, which will be held in Town Hall, are encouraged to forward comments to the Zoning & Planning Board c/o the Town Clerk in Town Hall or at leaton@indialantic.com.

REMINDER: Harris Sanitation's one-sort recycling system allows residents to place recyclables in bins without presorting. Residents may use all three bins and place them at the curb on collection day. Recycling collection will continue once a week on Thursdays.

The following items are recyclable:

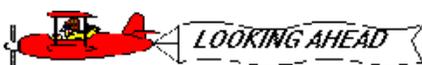
Paper: Magazines, phone books, paper bags, envelopes (with or without plastic windows), junk mail, catalogs, cereal boxes, newspaper, glossy newspaper inserts, circulars, cardboard and milk and juice cartons

Plastics: Only items with "necks," numbers 1 through 7 (numbers are found on the bottom of the container)

Glass: Brown, green, clear



Town Public Works assists representatives of Sunbelt Metals, Inc. install the new bench swing at Riverside Park. The swing is part of a \$50,000 FRDAP grant. The concrete columns were installed by Don Bo, Inc.



ü Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 26th for Memorial

APRIL

UPCOMING MEETINGS

3	8:00 AM	5 th Ave. Task Force
3	5:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition

Day



John Howard lays sod after forming a swale in the street right-of-way at 235 Michigan Avenue. The owner of the business at 311 Sixth Avenue recently installed a swale and new plants in the Town right-of-way.

Property owners desiring to have a swale installed should contact Public Works Director Ron Cassedy at 984-5224.

Brevard County Lifeguards will be manning Indialantic's two beach towers from 10 am to 5 pm as follows:

Spring Break - April 5 – April 13

Summer coverage – June 2 – August 17

Weekends – April 19 – September 1

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;

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

15	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
15	7:00 PM	Town Council
16	9:00 AM	Pension Boards
17	8:00 AM	5 th Ave. Task Force
22	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning
28	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation

MAY

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

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 9:00 pm from May 1st through October 31st. 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 or www.seaturtlespacecoast.org.

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