



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

APRIL, 2009

TURTLE HATCHING AREA IMPROVED



Lights, more friendly to turtle hatching, are being installed along the east side of Wavecrest Avenue. A grant for \$98,660 was awarded to the Town by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) on October 1, 2008.

Sixty-six bollard lights positioned immediately east of the existing curb will sit approximately three feet in height. They will replace the fourteen imposing lights on the top of the dune from south of the Indialantic Ocean Beach Park boardwalk to 11th Avenue.

Council agreed to apply for these monies on February 19, 2008, to improve nesting habitat for marine turtles and pedestrian use of the parking area.

Businesses assisting in the process include the following: design plans were prepared by BSE Consultants, Inc. of Melbourne; concrete bases for the bollard lights were installed by Don Bo, Inc. of Palm Bay; underground electric service is being installed by Brickner Electric of Palm Bay; bollard lights have been ordered from Rexel Electrical & Datacom Products of West Melbourne; and the existing lights, wires, and poles will be removed by FPL. Town Public Works employees are installing sod to complete the project.

Chili Cook-off a Success

Mayor David Berkman (left) presents a check for \$323 to Officer Ryan Deschenes as the winner of the Friday Fest Chili Cook-off held January 23, 2009 in Nance Park. Other participants in the cook-off included representatives of the Fire Department, Public Works Department, Administration, Homeowners' Association and the Town Council.

The Mayor was joined in the presentation by Helen Yarbrough and Stuart Glass, members of the Friday at Fifth Committee.



RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

February 17, 2009 Meeting

- approved a change of the October craft show from October 3-4 to October 10-11, 2009
- authorized the Brevard Mosquito Control District to operate an aircraft over the Town to spray for mosquitoes
- approved holding the Witch Way 5k on October 17, 2009 and approved placing a banner over Fifth Avenue as permitted by Code Sec. 17-106.2(2)
- authorized applying for FEMA Hazard Mitigation funds to replace the fire station bay doors (\$26,250 FEMA; \$8,750 local share) and authorized the Town Manager to sign grant related documents
- approved a signal maintenance agreement with FDOT concerning maintenance and reimbursement for the SR-A1A/US-192 and Riverside Drive/US-192 signals
- supported the County including the resurfacing of N. Riverside Drive in their Federal transportation economic stimulus effort
- approved Budget Adjustment #2 for FY-09
- adopted Ord. 09-05 amending Sec. 2-250 relating to the Personnel/Civil Service Manual
- adopted goals and objectives for 2009

March 17, 2009 Meeting

- approved a First Responder Agreement with Brevard County in the amount of \$35,597.32
- decided not to continue studying the possible annexation of property north of Town
- approved a lifeguard agreement with Brevard County for 2009 in the amount of \$39,480
- approved Amendment #1 to the Trees in Parks Agreement
- adopted Ord. 09-07 extending the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Harris Sanitation
- adopted Ord. 09-08 relating to outdoor cafes
- authorized the Melbourne & Beaches marathon within the Town on February 7, 2010
- agreed to the request from the Zoning and Planning Board to direct letters to the Town's state legislative representatives relating to unfunded state mandates
- agreed to increase the Town's payment for dependent health care coverage for the remainder of the current coverage period
- agreed to request that FDOT prohibit fishing from the south side of the easternmost relief



Public Works personnel John Howard and Tony Breglio reconstruct dune crossover #13, located south of Eighth Avenue. Council allocated \$4,320 in the beach enterprise budget to cover the cost for materials.

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 Victoria Twitty-Mercer at Town Hall – 723-2242 or at vtwitty@indialantic.com

Toilet Rebate Program

New participants in the City of Melbourne's toilet rebate program, which began in 1998, can apply for \$50 rebates as an incentive to install replacement toilets that conserve water.

Replacing a toilet with a high efficiency model can save about 16 percent of indoor water consumption. Savings for a typical household would be more than 10,000 gallons per year – enough to fill most home swimming pools. The toilet being replaced must have been installed prior to 1995 and only one rebate is allowed per customer.

Rebate rules are available online at www.melbourneflorida.org or from the Environmental Community Outreach Management Office at 953-6302.



POLICE BEAT

The Police Department frequently receives questions from the public regarding identity theft and how to combat it. In our previous newsletter titled, "Guard Your Mail and Trash from Theft," we touched upon this and now want to continue this theme so that you, your family and your friends can be proactive in preventing this type of crime.

Identity theft can come from many sources. You can reduce the odds of becoming a victim by monitoring accounts and balances online. You can obtain a **free** copy of your credit bureau report each year and you can take precautions such as:

- Protect your purse or wallet that contains personal information
- Minimize the number of credit cards and other items with personal information printed on them that you carry. Protect your checks and never sign a check without completing the amount and the payee.
- Guard your PIN when using your debit card. Never have your PIN number written on or near your cards. Look for suspicious activity such as someone standing closely behind you while you are making a transaction. Immediately cancel your transaction and leave the area if you see something suspicious.
- Treat online unsolicited offers over the Internet with suspicion. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Never disclose your PIN or account password to any online merchant for any reason.
- Don't volunteer personal information when using your credit card.
- Shop smart online. Keep anti-virus software updated and shop only at sites that are safe and secure - look for websites that display a closed padlock at the bottom of your browser window.
- There are numerous government web sites dedicated to providing information about Identity Theft, including:
 - www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/
 - www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html
 - www.ssa.gov/pubs/idtheft.htm

For further information, please contact Community Policing Officer Ryan DesChenes at 723-7788 or by email at rdeschenes@indialantic.com.

Town Centre Committee Workshops

The Town Centre Committee will be conducting a series of workshops on Saturday mornings beginning April 25th at 9:00 AM to solicit input from residents and business owners to help identify solutions to various issues being addressed by the Committee. Interested persons should contact Helen Yarbrough at hey@cfl.rr.com or 728-2627. The results of the workshops will be presented to the Town Council.

Turtle Awareness – Ron Cassedy, Public Works



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.

Indialantic Fire Rescue



Nationwide seventy-three percent of all firefighters are volunteers. Most of these volunteers are located in rural communities where the call load is low and taxes non-existent to support a paid fire department. Most people in this country would not have fire protection at all if it weren't for the dedication of the volunteer firefighter.

In Florida there are strict training requirements for volunteers and this makes it difficult to find people willing to give up their time to become trained.

Indialantic Fire Rescue is a combination fire department, which means we have volunteers and paid personnel. Our staff consists of six paid personnel who work 24-hour shifts with 48 hours off. This is a 56-hour workweek. There is also a fire chief that is paid and works 40 hours per week. This allows for two on duty people to provide fire protection and advanced life support for our community.

We also support a volunteer organization of about 10-20 volunteer firefighters. Most times the number closely hovers about 10. There is always an ongoing need for new volunteers in the department. Many of our existing volunteers go on to receive additional training and hire on as professional firefighters with other departments. Our volunteers do a lot of public service events and have always made themselves available for other agency's events within the town such as Halloween and Easter events. Plans are currently in the making for a dinner auction in September. They offer smoke detectors and community license plates and fire safety programs for the youngsters.

Our only requirement to become a volunteer is that you give us 24 hours of stand-by time per month, to respond on calls. If you have an interest in becoming a volunteer firefighter and you have a clean background and can provide us with 24 hours per month please consider becoming a member of the Indialantic Volunteer Fire Rescue Association. We could really use your assistance.

Jon Macdonald, Fire Chief



Mayor Dave Berkman presents a Town proclamation to Lexie Morris recognizing her efforts to assist a fellow resident by dialing 9-1-1.



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

Spring Break - April 4 – April 12

Summer coverage – May 29 – day before school starts

Weekends – April 18 – October 31

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL

1	6:00 PM	Code Enf. Board
2	5:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition
6	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
15	9:00 AM	Pension Boards
20	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
21	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
21	7:00 PM	Town Council
27	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
28	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

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

Friday at Fifth's Spring Fling

Nance Park will be "going green" during Friday at Fifth's Spring Fling Festival from 6 to 9 PM Friday, April 24, 2009. The celebration will focus on treating the earth kindly and doing our part to preserve our planet. This family event, sponsored by local businesses, will feature vendors, children's activities, plant sales, master gardeners on site, environmentally friendly products, and live music. Friday at Fifth's January festival featured a chili cook-off that heated up the park with culinary entertainment and helped stir up fun for everyone. Join us in the park April 24th celebrating the color green. Interested parties should call 508-6936 or visit www.fridayatfifth.com.

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