



INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

JUNE, 2009

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 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.

For more information on emergency preparedness and special needs registration, contact Brevard County Emergency Management at (321) 637-6670 or log on to www.embrevard.com.



Mayor Berkman presents the Citizen of the Year award to Helen Yarbrough at the Town's 2009 Annual Appreciation Dinner. Ms. Yarbrough was recognized for her efforts as Chairperson of the Town Centre Committee and as a volunteer for the Friday at Fifth events. Also receiving recognition were Officer Ryan Deschenes, Police Department Employee of the Year; Capt. Todd Burnett, Fire Department Employee of the Year; Isaiah Cepeda, Public Works Employee of the Year; Jennifer Fortin, Administration Employee of the Year; and Officer Scott Holstine who received the Manager's Award.



Brickner Electric completes installation of sixty-six bollard lights on Wavecrest Avenue. The turtle friendly lights were purchased through a grant awarded by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$98,660.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

April 21, 2009 Meeting

- approved Res. 09-04 supporting State funding for education
- approved engaging Joseph Colombo to represent the Town as prosecuting attorney for code enforcement matters
- approved renewing the agreement with FDOT for reimbursement for maintenance of non-paved portions of US-192 and SR-A1A for the period of August 14, 2009 to August 14, 2010
- adopted Ord. 09-09 relating to grand opening signs and banners; allowing grand opening banners for up to 30 days in commercial zones and up to seven days in the RP zone
- approved a proposal from Eligere Strategies to represent the Town in Tallahassee through September at a cost of \$700
- approved designating three “Golf Cart Parking Only” spaces on Wavecrest Avenue

May 19, 2009 Meeting

- approved a grant application for \$750,000 to the Department of Homeland Security to purchase a fire truck (\$712,500 non-local funds, \$37,500 local share) and authorized the Town Manager to sign any grant related documents
- approved a grant application for FEMA Firefighter Assistance funds for bunker gear (5% local share) and authorized the Town Manager to sign any grant related documents
- approved the allocation of Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grant funds to purchase new police vehicles and support the County’s prisoner transport program
- adopted Ord. 09-10 amending Sec. 15-7 to allow the Town Manager to approve temporary street closures
- adopted Ord. 09-11 amending Sec. 16-1 and repealing Sec. 16-2 and 16-3 relating to trees abutting Town streets

NEW FACES IN TOWN

Art on Fifth - 425 Fifth Avenue - art gallery and studio

Seven Seas Search and Salvage, LLC - 135 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 103 - underwater archaeology



Firefighter Dave Murtha tests a fire hydrant to ensure that there is sufficient flow and that all of the fittings work should the hydrant be needed. All 86 hydrants in Town are annually tested with deficiencies reported to Melbourne Water



Public Works employees Tony Breglio and Isaiah Cepeda complete the installation of a handicap accessible picnic table in Orlando Park. The Town’s Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee funded the concrete pad and table with proceeds from the sale of luminaries.



FPL removes the light poles south of the boardwalk that were recently replaced with bollard lights – funding was provided by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation



POLICE BEAT

Every year the department receives numerous calls about the proliferation and use of illegal fireworks, particularly on our beaches and in residential areas of Town. After responding to a complaint officers are invariably met with either surprise that the fireworks are illegal and/or indignation that the remainder of the illegal fireworks are being seized.

As a general rule, fireworks that either explode or can be launched are illegal. In order to alleviate some questions and concerns in reference to the purchase and use of fireworks, I have included some of the pertinent excerpts from Florida Statutes and the Brevard County Code of Ordinances.

791.02 F.S. *It is unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, or corporation to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks; provided that the board of county commissioners shall have power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for supervised public display of fireworks by fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations or groups of individuals when such public display is to take place.*

791.05 F.S. *Each sheriff, or his or her appointee, or any other police officer, shall seize, take, remove or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner, all stocks of fireworks or combustibles offered or exposed for sale, stored, or held in violation of this chapter.*

Sec. 10-188, Brevard County Ordinance

No person or entity shall use, explode, or store, fireworks in the county, unless:

- (1) The person or entity first obtains an appropriate county permit for the public display of fireworks or pyrotechnics in accordance with this article;*
- (2) The use is by a railroad or other transportation agency for illumination or signal purposes or the use is associated with quarrying, blasting, or another industrial purpose in accordance with 791.04 F.S.; or*
- (3) The use in conjunction with a bona fide agricultural use, as provided in 791.07 F.S. and the applicable provision of the Florida Administrative Code.*

Permitted Devices: Devices approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal which emit a shower of sparks upon burning, do not contain any explosive compounds, do not detonate or explode, are hand held or ground based, cannot propel themselves through the air, and that contain not more than 100 grams of the chemical compound that produces sparks upon burning. Any device that is not included in the list of approved items is prohibited, except that snakes, small smoke devices, trick noisemakers and certain other novelties may be sold at all other times.

Anything not meeting the above definition, such as firecrackers, skyrockets, torpedoes, roman candles, etc., are illegal.



Public Works employee Tony Yacovino paints bumper stops and striping to denote the three recently installed "Golf Cart Parking Only" spaces on Wavecrest Avenue just south of Fifth Avenue

Indialantic Fire Rescue



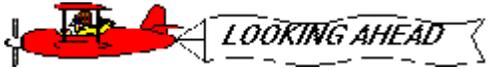
Our Volunteers have devised a neat program in an effort to bolster their funds.

If you have a child that is having a birthday and you would like a special visit from the Fire Department, our volunteers would come to your home at the designated day and time with a fire truck and two volunteers. The children could look over the fire truck and try on the fire gear and have the fire persons celebrate the youngster's birthday. If they have been real good the firefighters may even spray a little water on the tykes to cool them off.

Here is how it works. You need to contact the fire station one month before the scheduled event, provide a time and address and we will be there. In return the volunteers are asking you to be generous towards their cause and make a nice donation to the volunteer association. The amount can be what you feel is appropriate.

Our volunteers solicit funds from the community so they can purchase specialized equipment for the volunteers and items needed around the station. The funds also go towards the training and educational opportunities for the volunteers. Absolutely none of the funds the volunteers collect go towards the operational budget of the Fire Department. These are derived from general taxes. So please if you have an upcoming birthday party and you would like a little excitement at your home give us a call at 321-723-0366.

Jon E. Macdonald, Fire Chief



- Town Hall will be closed Friday, July 3, 2009 for Independence Day



The Easter Bunny and Chicken Little dropped in at the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Orlando Park on April 4th

Family Movie Night

Come watch the movie, "An American Tail," on Friday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. Kids can wear their pajamas and bring a sleeping bag to sit on while watching the movie. There will be popcorn and bottles of water for you to enjoy. The animated movie is rated G and is being presented by the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee and Ace Hardware. It should be a fun family event so put it on your calendar and don't miss out.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JUNE

1	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
2	10:00 AM	Police/Fire Pension
15	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
16	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
16	7:00 PM	Town Council
22	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
23	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

JULY

6	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
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21	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
21	7:00 PM	Town Council
22	9:00 AM	Pension Boards
27	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
28	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

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

VOTER DRIVE

Supervisor of Election Lori Scott's staff will be at Town Hall on Monday, June 29th between 10-12 and 1-3 performing a Voter Drive. Not only is this a great opportunity for residents that are not registered to do so, but it is also helpful for those that have had an address change or need to update their signatures. Forms for absentee/mail ballot requests will also be available. Please be sure to bring a valid Florida driver's license or Social Security card number.

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