



INDIALANTIC RECORD

OCTOBER, 2009

TOWN OF INDIALANTIC
NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Council Seat 3 Vote for One
VINCENT BENEVENTE
CHRIS CAMPBELL



INDIALANTIC TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENT SECTION 3.02, TOWN CHARTER

If the Town Manager is temporarily absent from the Town or disabled, the Charter provides that *only* the Town Clerk may be appointed to serve as Acting Town Manager. This amendment provides that the Town Manager may designate the Town Clerk or another Town department head to serve as the Acting Town Manager during the Town Manager's absence or disability. If the Town Council objects, the Council may appoint a different Town employee or official.

YES (for approval) _____
NO (for rejection) _____

ELECTION 2009

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2009. The Indialantic electorate will be asked to choose a Councilmember and to vote on a change to the Town Charter. Lori Halbert is unopposed for Council Seat 1.

All Town electors vote at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on N. Riverside Drive. The polls are open from 7 am to 7 pm.

Absentee Ballots – Any registered voter who is unable to attend the polling place may vote by requesting an absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections' office. This request may be made in person, in writing, on line at www.votebrevard.com or by telephone.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COUNCIL SEAT 3

My wife and I have been residents of Indialantic for more than twenty years. In that time we have always been active in the Town's civic affairs. I have served as President of the Homeowners' Association, Chairman of the Code Enforcement Board, member of the Board of Adjustment, Past President and life time member of the Space Coast League of Cities and remained active in the Florida League of Cities.



Vince Benevente

I served on the Town Council from 1992-1994, 1995-1997 and from 1999 to the present serving six times as Deputy Mayor and would like to continue to serve.

I have always been an independent member of the Council, judging issues with an open mind and willing to listen to other views. My vote on the Council has always been what I thought was in the best interest of the Town.

My wife Rose has also always thought of the Town. She has served as treasurer of the Homeowners' Association for two years and then as director for two years. She has served on the Town's Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee from 1993-2005 and from 2006-2008. As you can see we really do what we can for the Town.

The home-value downturn has left Indialantic's coffers nearly dry. This after many years of *escalating* home values. The current knee-jerk reaction is to raise your property taxes. Where are the reserves that should have accrued in good economic times?

The city of Vero Beach is run as a business. Vero consistently lowers its residential millage rate. (Vero refers to residents as "shareholders". I like that!)



Chris Campbell

I am a businessman, having spent 27 years with IBM through good times and bad. I know how to plan for the future and trim budgets in tough times. Small communities cannot run solely on the backs of residents. A vibrant (and yes, contained) business environment is vital to our well-being.

We live in a garden-spot. A safe, friendly place to raise families and enjoy Florida's weather. I moved back in 2004 and was horrified to find the Fifth Avenue Art Fair now resides in Melbourne. I want to see the quaint shops return to Fifth Avenue. I want to see more family-friendly events like the Friday @ Fifth festivals, on whose board I happily serve. I want to see a vibrant, involved business community which helps generate revenue to offset our property taxes.

RECENT COUNCIL ACTION

August 18, 2009 Meeting

- approved making application for FRDAP funds in the amount of \$50,000 for improvements to Orlando Park
- approved extending the audit agreement with Hoyman Dobson for FY-09 and FY-10
- approved Resolution 09-05 supporting home rule
- adopted Ord. 09-15 amending the Police/Fire Pension Plan by removing the six percent interest paid on refund of accumulated contributions for future employees
- approved lowering the speed limit on Michigan, Oakland and Wayne avenues from 30 mph to 20 mph
- agreed to request that FDOT install pedestrian crossing paddle signs on Fifth Avenue

September 15, 2009 Meeting

- approved a tentative millage rate of 5.7282 and a tentative budget of \$4,171,728 with a general fund budget of \$3,379,885
- renewed the Medical Direction Agreement with Brevard County for Advanced Life Support assistance
- approved a proclamation recognizing December as “Hadassah Goes Green Month”
- adopted Ord. 09-16 amending the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Harris Sanitation increasing the franchise fee by 5%
- approved Amendment #16 to the Town Manager’s Agreement

September 24, 2009 Meeting

- adopted a final millage rate of 5.5374 which is below the rolled back millage rate of 5.5422 (the rolled back rate is intended to provide the same property tax revenue as for the previous year)
- adopted a total budget of \$4,095,363 with a general fund budget of \$3,303,520

Beginning October 1, 2009, the *Indialantic Record* will be published quarterly due to budgetary restrictions. Watch the Town website – www.indialantic.com - to sign up for electronic versions of the newsletter and meeting agendas.

NEW FACES IN TOWN

Cragg Firearms - 344 Fifth Avenue, #4 - retail sales

Prominent Properties of Brevard - 344 Fifth Avenue - real estate office

Grady Stewart, Inc. - 344 Fifth Avenue - general contractor



Public Works personnel John Howard and Isaiah Cepeda are installing a sea turtle informational sign at dune crossover 16. Other informational/educational signs have been installed in Sunrise and Nance parks. The signs were provided to the Town by the Sea Turtle Preservation Society funded with proceeds from the First Annual Witchway 5k run



Public Works employee John Howard installs sea grape plants in Sunrise Park near the dune crossover. Fifteen plants were donated to the Town by the Brevard County Natural Resources Management Department



POLICE BEAT

The Indialantic Police Department responds to a variety of calls for service. By and large, the most common calls we receive involve theft of personal property; particularly, electronics (cell phones, GPS units, computer equipment, etc.), surf boards, bicycles and power tools. A vast majority of these items are often sold to pawn shops or traded on the streets. In the case of bicycles, they are often found discarded throughout town or located in other jurisdictions. Here are a few simple steps you can take to assist us in recovering your property in the event it is stolen:

- Almost all of the items that are stolen have a serial number and/or model number located on the item. Take a few minutes to jot down these numbers and keep them in a discrete place, such as an end table, pantry or even at a trusted neighbor or relative's house. The serial number may be entered into the theft report as well as the National Crime Information Computer (NCIC). If another law enforcement agency finds your property and runs it through the computer, we will be notified. The numbers may also be checked against statewide pawn shop databases. These numbers should not be kept on a computer hard drive, in case the computer is stolen.
- If the item does not have a serial number, use an engraving tool or a permanent marker to place a unique number or other identifying mark on the item. The police department has an engraving tool and will be happy to assist you in marking your property for you. Call Community Police Officer DesChenes to make an appointment.
- Photograph the item and keep the photo(s) on a disc or jump drive and store the disc in a discrete place. Photographs will assist us in identifying your property if we see it in pawnshops or on the street. Your photographs may also be shown to other area law enforcement agencies so they may be on the lookout for your property.
- Register your bicycle with the police department. It only takes a few minutes to fill out a form and we will give you a numbered sticker to place on your bicycle. You keep a copy of the form and we keep a copy at the police department as well.

As always, please remember to secure your valuables and keep garage doors closed and car doors locked at night. Almost all of the car burglaries that are reported to us involve vehicles that were left unlocked with valuables left in plain view over night. Secure bicycles in your garage or behind your house when you are not using them and do not leave them laying in your yard.

If you would like additional recommendations on property control, please contact CPO DesChenes or Detective Connor at 321-723-7788.

DID YOU KNOW

Indialantic Code Section 5.5-65 requires that trash container areas shall be maintained in a manner so as to provide maximum screening on all sides exposed to public view and shall be located to the rear of the front building line for residential districts.

Also, per Code Section 8-12 trash receptacles shall be placed at curbside no more than twelve (12) hours before the scheduled collection time, and shall be removed within twelve (12) hours after collection.

INDIALANTIC FIRE RESCUE

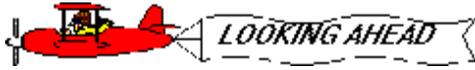


For this newsletter I would like to let you know the level of professionalism that your fire department maintains. There are six paid firefighters and one fire chief; of the seven, six are State Certified Paramedics, and these same six are also State Certified Inspectors. One Firefighter is relatively new and working on attaining these certifications. One firefighter holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and one an Associate of Arts Degree. Two are Certified Instructors and Live Fire Burn Instructors. Two others are Live Fire Burn Adjunct Instructors. Four of the firefighters are Hazmat Technicians, and four are certified Driver Operators. One is a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator. One Firefighter holds a Fire Officer One Certificate and two others are working towards that qualification. Three of our firefighters teach at the local Fire Academy training new firefighters.

All these certifications require completion of multiple courses and successfully passing a State Certification exam. When you add the classes taken for Water Rescue, National Incident Management (which all of our department firefighters meet Federal requirements), Pediatric Trauma, Trench Rescue and Vehicle Extrication, the training hours are huge. The training hours attained by our volunteers also add up to a considerable amount of time and is the reason many of our volunteers are hired by surrounding departments as paid firefighters. I hope this will help you feel safer when you realize the level of professionalism of your Fire Department. Most small departments would be hard pressed to match these accomplishments.

Jon Macdonald, Fire Chief

The Indialantic Homeowners' Association is sponsoring a "Candidates Night" on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Town Council chambers. Come meet the candidates for Council Seat 3.



Town Hall will be closed the following days:
 November 11 – Veteran’s Day
 November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving
 December 24 & 25 – Christmas
 January 1 – New Year’s Day

Friday @ Fifth sponsors its next event Friday, October 16th in Nance Park from 6 to 9 pm. Vendors, food and beverage booths, live music, a pumpkin painting contest and a children’s area are provided by local businesses. Visit www.fridayatfifth.com for more information. Come join the fun!

Halloween Happenings

*The Town will be hosting the **Second Annual Witch Way 5k** run/walk and the **14th Annual Halloween Party** on Saturday, October 17. The 5k event, with help from the Running Zone, will begin at 7:30 am in Nance Park and cover roads along the beach and parks in Town. There will also be a free kiddie run and a post-run beach yoga stretch. Registration forms are available at Town Hall or at www.witchway5k.com. To help sponsor the event, contact Brooke Deratany Goldfarb at 676-2858. Anyone interested in volunteering the morning of the race should contact Cathy Berkman at 795-5818. Proceeds will be donated to Indialantic Elementary for playground improvements and to the Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee..*

*The 14th annual **Halloween Party** begins at 4 pm on Fourth Avenue behind Town Hall. Hay rides and a haunted house provide some unexpected surprises. Refreshments, entertainment, games and prizes are furnished at no charge. Sponsors and volunteers to work the games and refreshment stations should contact Jan at 723-7788.*



UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER		
5	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
7	6:00 PM	Code Enf. Board
19	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
20	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
20	7:00 PM	Town Council
26	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
28	9:00 AM	Pension Boards
27	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning
NOVEMBER		
2	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
4	6:00 PM	Code Enf. Board
5	5:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition
16	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
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
DECEMBER		
2	6:00 PM	Code Enf. Board
3	5:30 PM	South Beaches Coalition
7	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
15	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
15	7:00 PM	Town Council
21	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
22	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning

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

The traditional Holiday Tree

Lighting will take place Thursday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm in Nance Park. This annual observance of the holiday season will include a short program with music provided by the Indialantic Elementary School chorus, a visit from Santa and refreshments for the kids.



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