



# INDIALANTIC *RECORD*

JANUARY, 2010



## **COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN**

Councilmembers Chris Campbell and Lori A. Halbert began their two year terms after being sworn in by Town Attorney Paul Gougelman at the November 17, 2009 Council meeting. Election results for Seat 3: Chris Campbell – 323 votes to 187 for Vince Benevente. Councilmember Halbert was unopposed for Seat 1. The Charter amendment addressing the appointment of an Acting Town Manager during the Manager's absence or disability was also approved 348 to 103. Councilmember Loren Goldfarb was selected Deputy Mayor for the next year. Additional appointments to represent the Town are as follows:

- Space Coast League of Cities – Councilmember Halbert, Mayor Berkman alternate
- Florida League of Cities Finance and Taxation Committee – Councilmember Halbert
- Brevard County Water Supply Board – Councilmember Borysiewicz
- South Beaches Coalition – Councilmember Campbell

### *Beach Renourishment Project Advances*

*Great Lakes Dredge and Dock will pump sand onto the beach beginning any time from early to mid January. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awarded the contract to Great Lakes to apply 650,000 cubic yards of sand from Flug Avenue south to Spessard Holland Park (north).*

*Pipe landing points along the beach for the South Reach effort are projected to be at the Indialantic boardwalk around Sixth Avenue and in Melbourne Beach. Initially, sand will be pumped north to Flug Avenue for about two weeks and then south near the Town's southern boundary for about two weeks.*

*The application of sand should cease in late March, 2010, followed by the contractor's demobilization and tilling of the sand along this 3.8 miles of coast. Funding is provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State of Florida and county tourist tax.*

*Questions can be directed to Brevard County's Beach Hotline – (321) 637-5374 - or the Brevard County Natural Resources website at <http://natres.brevardcounty.us/> and click on "Hot Topics."*

## ***RECENT COUNCIL ACTION***

### **October 20, 2009 Meeting**

- approved parking meter use agreements for Bizarro's and Java Surf for 2010
- approved the art show for January 16 and 17, 2010 in Nance Park
- approved an agreement with Eligere Strategies to represent the Town in Tallahassee
- accepted the Town Manager's evaluation
- sanctioned a Friday at Fifth festival on January 15, 2010 in Nance Park as a special event
- adopted Ord. 09-17 increasing penalties for certain traffic violations
- adopted a new policy relating to attendance at the Space Coast League of Cities' meetings

### **November 17, 2009 Meeting**

- adopted Res. 10-01 designating personnel authorized to sign checks
- approved final budget adjustments for FY-09
- authorized the placement of a banner promoting Friday Fest events in 2010
- declared the Holiday Tree Walk on December 18, 2009 a special event
- adopted Ord. 09-14 amending the Comprehensive Plan based on the adopted Evaluation and Appraisal Report
- adopted Ord. 10-01 amending the General Employees' Pension Plan
- adopted Res. 10-02 supporting a countywide Criminal Justice Advisory Committee
- issued proclamations of appreciation to the Friday at Fifth Committee and Witch Way 5k Committee
- issued a proclamation regarding the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life April 10-11, 2010
- received an update on the Town's recycling program

### **December 9, 2009 Meeting**

- authorized the Knights of Columbus to utilize lots 12-15, Bl. 65 for a parking area fund raiser during the January art show
- approved a Justice Assistance Grant application in the amount of \$4,735 – no local match
- approved an agreement for a FEMA grant to replace the bay doors and shutter/replace windows in the fire station (\$26,250 FEMA, \$8,750 local)
- adopted Res. 10-03 supporting the 2010 census
- received an update from Eligere Strategies regarding efforts on behalf of the Town

## **NEW FACES IN TOWN**

Ameriprise Financial - 122 Fourth Avenue - investments

Certon Software - 122 Fourth Avenue - software and consulting services

D.L. Boyles, PA - 122 Fourth Avenue - attorney

Hunter Research, Inc. - 122 Fourth Avenue - development of electronic subsystems

Jesup & Lamont Securities - 325 Fifth Avenue - broker

C & K Solutions - 107 N. Palm - business consultant/art dealer

Vinnielu's Beachside Chocolates - 866 N. Miramar - confectionary retail



Atlantic Development of Cocoa replaces a section of failing metal storm drainage pipe under S. Shannon Avenue at Ninth Avenue



Public Works personnel lay sod after forming a swale in the street right-of-way on S. Palm Avenue. Swales are a commonly used stormwater practice recommended by federal and state officials to treat runoff to reduce pollution.



## POLICE BEAT

Too often we have had the unfortunate task of providing victims of our town with information regarding fraudulent or deceptive acts or operations, otherwise known as SCAMS. Officers have provided victims with statements and phone numbers for the Better Business Bureau, FBI contacts and Postal Inspectors. This crime of opportunity can be stopped if we work together. The information provided in this article is a small portion of the types of scams we sometimes fall prey to.

SCAMS are found on the Internet via emails and spams, in person solicitations at your front door, over the telephone, through the mail etc. Several victims in town have reported the SCAM in the form of checks, and we can all use some extra money right now! Don't let the obvious deceive you!

The mail is delivered; the victim opens the mail and becomes excited to see a check in the amount of \$200,000.00. All you need to do is cash it and send a portion to the SCAMMER.

The telephone rings and the caller states: "This is your relative (usually a son or grandson) in financial trouble and I owe several thousand dollars (\$3000-\$8000)". The victim is instructed to go to the bank, make a withdrawal and go to a designated parking lot, leave the money in an envelope on the car seat, go inside the nearby building and wait for the loved one to show up. They will even call you a day or two ahead of time and find information on you to include: what your grandchildren, children, brother, sister or close relative call you when you talk on the phone.

Email threats: they will email you with the following message: "this is your last opportunity to respond to this message. I have sent my men to track you down, but I ordered them to stop for a while and not do any harm. I wanted to contact you first and I might just spare your life, \$12,000 is all you need to spend." In this message, they will use your name, your spouse's name and even your children's names. All can be found during on-line chats, twittering, my spacing, face booking, or Internet searches you have done.

In person solicitation: well dressed individual knocks on your door, shows you a great product, tells you to make the check out to John Doe inc. (example) and they will send you the product in 3-5 working days.

Also, watch out for government grants, instant credit repair, cash-for-gold, mystery shopping and social networking SCAMS. If it sounds too good to be true, you are probably being SCAMMED!

Remember, avoid providing personal information on-line, mail your checks from the Post Office, not from your mailbox, shred your account information and be cautious of phone calls soliciting immediate assistance in the form of cash or personal checks. For further information or concerns, feel free to contact me at [rdeschenes@indialantic.com](mailto:rdeschenes@indialantic.com) or 321-723-7788 ext: 102.

## Recycling Participation Increases

*George Geletko, representing Harris Sanitation, Inc. reported to Council that the single stream recycling effort, started August 8, 2009, with 64 gallon carts was a success. Participation increased by 45% over citizen use with the 14 gallon containers. He reported that Indialantic is the only community in Brevard County that is participating in the single stream recycling effort with 64 gallon carts.*

*Information will be forthcoming on how to recycle e-waste and how to properly dispose of printer cartridges, cell phone and household batteries.*

## REMINDER

The St. Johns River Water Management District irrigation rules, amended in March, 2008, allow residential landscape irrigation on Wednesday and Saturday at odd numbered addresses, Thursday and Sunday at even numbered addresses and on Tuesday and Friday for non-residential landscape irrigation during Daylight Savings Time. When Eastern Standard Time is in effect residential irrigation is limited to Saturday for odd numbered addresses, Sunday for even numbered addresses, and Tuesday for non-residential irrigation. In addition, no landscape irrigation is allowed between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For additional information, visit the website at [www.sjrwm.com/irrigationrule](http://www.sjrwm.com/irrigationrule).

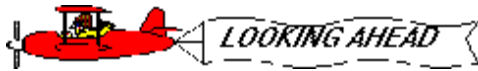
## INDIALANTIC FIRE RESCUE

As you are reading this the holidays are over and gifts are well played with or used. Hopefully you have had a safe and enjoyable holiday. We are encouraged for the upcoming year. We are hoping to be awarded the grant we have applied for that will assist us in purchasing a badly needed new fire truck. We are excited over the grant we received that will replace our station bay doors and windows. The staff has been working hard to make the station look better with painting projects and other projects within the station. Many of our volunteers are enrolled in fire school and paramedic classes. Overall we have much to be thankful for.

The volunteers have been having a few birthday celebrations for residents and they have been well received. We bring the fire truck, play games with the kids (fire safety oriented) and give the birthday child a small gift from the department. The event takes nearly an hour and the kids love climbing on the truck. If you have a youngster with a birthday coming up please contact the Fire Department and schedule your birthday event. A donation to the volunteers is appreciated.

Jon E. Macdonald, Fire Chief





- Friday at Fifth is sponsoring a Winterland Festival January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm in Nance Park
- The annual art show is January 16-17 in Nance Park
- The Heritage Committee is sponsoring “Florida’s Boom and Bust” with historian Bob Gross on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in Town Hall



*The Indialantic Elementary Chorus spread cheer at the annual Tree Lighting ceremony in Nance Park. Santa arrived in the Town fire truck spreading joy and cookies to all.*

#### **The Indian River Lagoon – How You Can Help**

- ✓ Use ground covers such as composted leaves and wood chips on areas with exposed soil to keep the soil from washing into the lagoon.
- ✓ Don’t blow grass clippings into the street or down storm drains. Leave the clippings on the lawn; nutrients in the clippings make the best and cheapest fertilizers.
- ✓ Use environmentally friendly alternatives to pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. Call the University of Florida Extension Service – 633-1702 - to obtain a free copy of the Florida Yardstick Workbook.
- ✓ Whenever possible choose plants that require little or no fertilizer. When fertilizing choose a fertilizer that has nitrogen in a slow-release insoluble form; fertilize during the dry months (Oct. to May) and use the least amount of fertilizer necessary.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

JANUARY		
4	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
18	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
19	8:00 AM	Heritage Committee
19	7:00 PM	Town Council
25	9:00 AM	Parks/Recreation
26	5:30 PM	Zoning and Planning
27	9:00 AM	Pension Boards
FEBRUARY		
1	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
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
MARCH		
1	6:00 PM	Town Centre Committee
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

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

#### *EASTER EGG HUNT*

*The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Committee is once again sponsoring the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 27<sup>th</sup> in Orlando Park.*



*The festivities begin at 9:00 am with visits from the Easter Bunny and Chicken Little. Come share some fun, prizes and surprises.*

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