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Summer has ended and once again the city made it through yet another hurricane scare. Thankfully, the storm veered far enough away so that we only felt a small amount of impact. Others were not so fortunate. Our thoughts are with everyone in the Bahamas — and their relatives and loved ones locally — as they recover from the devastation of Hurricane Dorian.

During the storm event, the City's Emergency Operations Center activated with over 25 personnel manning their posts to ensure city services and infrastructure remained in operation. EOC staff spent more than 40 hours away from home and family, doing their jobs well, proving once again to be consummate professionals. Their hard work and dedication is appreciated by everyone.

As we move forward to the end of the year, there are exciting new things coming to town, and inside this magazine you will get a glimpse at all of the growth and progress being made by our local businesses and organizations as Titusville boldly moves forward to 2020.

On the cover: a SpaceX Falcon 9 launch as seen from Titusville Marina (Jeff Thamert, The Downtown Art Gallery). This photo is featured in a new national calendar being published for 2020. Read about it on page 5.

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### Popeye's



Site plans are under review for a 2,503-square-foot Popeye's restaurant at the southeast corner of SR 50 and Helen Hauser Boulevard, adjacent to the Quality Inn.

### Antigua Bay



Preliminary Plat/Site Plans are under review of Phase 1, consisting of 109 single-family home lots located east of US 1, north of SR 405.

### Life Storage Expansion



Site construction is underway for an expansion of the existing storage business located at 1903 Garden Street. The scope of work includes the demolition of two existing one-story buildings and construction of one three-story building to be comprised of indoor storage units.

### Willow Creek



Preliminary Plat/Engineering plans have been approved for phase one of a subdivision consisting of 70 single-family home lots located west of Grissom Parkway, south of Shepard Drive.

### Courtyard by Marriott



Site construction continues for a 152-room, five-story hotel with an observation deck to be located at 6225 Riverfront Center Boulevard, on the property of the former U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. The hotel will be operated by Delaware North, who also operates Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, and will include 800 square feet of meeting space for conferences and special events.

### Community Credit Union



Site plans are under review for a 4,100-square-foot bank located on the site of the former Wendy's restaurant at 2455 S. Washington Avenue, across from Titus Landing.

### South Carpenter Estates



Site construction continues and several homes are under construction for a 70-lot, single-family home subdivision located west of I-95, north of Fox Lake Road.

### Titusville Storage



Site construction is underway to redevelop the former Kmart building into indoor, climate controlled storage located at 810 Cheney Highway.

### Aero Electronics Systems



Site construction continues for a 10,000-square-foot addition to the existing building located at 411 S. Park Avenue. Aero Electronics Systems is a Defense Department contractor which specializes in manufacturing cable assemblies as well as braided and molded cables for use in military applications such as torpedoes, missiles, and aircraft. *(Article on page 7)*

### Luna Trails



Site and building construction continues on an 84-unit, three-story apartment complex located at the southeast corner of Sycamore Street and Deleon Avenue.

### Park Preserve



Site construction continues and several homes are under construction for a 39-lot, single-family home subdivision located at the southeast corner of Knox McRae Drive and S. Park Avenue.

### River Palms



Site and building permits have been issued for two condominium buildings, totaling 100 residential units and associated amenities, to be located at 1805 Riverside Drive, across from Titusville High School.

### Downtown Updates



Street paving and striping was completed at the end of August on Palm Avenue between South Street and Garden Street, and Orange Street west of S. Washington Avenue, utilizing funds from the Community Redevelopment Agency. The FY2020 CRA Budget includes funds to resurface .71 miles of streets in the downtown that will include Pine Street west of Hopkins Ave.; Orange St. west of Hopkins Ave.; and Lemon Ave. The budget also funds sidewalk infill and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements along portions of Lemon Ave. and portions of Broad St.



LED lighting was added to the perimeter landscaping at the Julia Street Parking Lot. A total of eight lights were installed, three along S. Washington Ave., three along S. Hopkins Ave., and two at the parking lot entrance on Julia Street. The lights can be programmed with different colors depending on events and holidays.

### Blue Origin



Blue Origin is investing more than one billion dollars to double the size of their existing campus at Exploration Park. This site will work as both a manufacturing complex and launch control center for future commercial space missions.

### Chain of Lakes



The ballfields at Chain of Lakes have been upgraded in anticipation of the start of the new season, with five acres of the fields being re-sodded and new player benches being installed.

### Park Repairs



The boat ramps at Parrish Park have been repaired and are open for business. Work is currently in progress at Kennedy Point Park, Rotary Park, Space View Park, Titusville Veterans Memorial Park and Tom Statham Park.

### Indian River Lagoon Oyster Bars



The county is installing oyster bars as part of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan. Oyster bars help filter excess nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorous, along with fostering the local species of fish and acting as a wave break to reduce shoreline erosion.

### La Hacienda at La Cita



A new 75-lot housing development is under construction on Country Club Drive, just west of La Cita Country Club. The new subdivision by Damar Homes includes seven different floor plans featuring three- and four-bedroom houses. The starting price is estimated to be around \$350k each.

### Beachwave



Site plans have been approved for a 16,800-square-foot commercial plaza that includes a retail store, restaurant and second floor open air tiki bar and observation deck, located at the southwest corner of Garden Street and Indian River Avenue.

### Extended Stay Hotel



Construction continues on a 124-unit, four-story hotel located at the southern terminus of Helen Hauser Boulevard, adjacent to the new Durango's restaurant.

### Hyatt Place



Site construction continues on a 119-unit hotel and a two-story office/retail building at the corner of US 1 and Riverfront Center Boulevard. The property will feature a fifth-floor private viewing room to observe rocket launches from KSC and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Other features will include a 24-hour gym, free breakfast, and an outdoor pool and patio.

### Robin Fisher Honored with Bronze Plaque at Titus Landing



Former City Council member and Brevard County Commissioner Robin Fisher was honored with a commemorative plaque at Titus Landing on Oct. 7, 2019, for his hard work and dedication in bringing the new retail center to town. On hand for the unveiling were local dignitaries, business owners and members of City Council.

## Marathon Gas Station - US 1



The Gaskwick Marathon gas station on US 1 just south of Historic Titusville recently began work to remove underground fuel tanks and demolish the gas pump canopy. At this time, there is no information on what the future plans are for the property.

## St. Stephen's



Construction is underway on a 4,900-square-foot addition to the St. Stephen's Christian Retreat Center on US 1 south of SR 50. The new building will be used for assembly and conference functions. The photo above shows the concrete tilt walls recently formed and poured. These tilt walls will soon be erected by cranes and secured to form the new building.

## Titusville Photographer's Work Featured in Nation-wide Calendar



A time-lapse photograph of a Space X Falcon 9 Rocket night launch from the heart of the Space Coast. This shot was taken from The Titusville Marina with the iconic Max Brewer Causeway lit up in the background and palm trees at Sand Point Park. (Photo by Jeff Themert, featured in ICMA 2020 Calendar.)

Titusville is being featured in the upcoming 2020 International City/County Management Association official calendar, highlighting one of the main points that makes our city unique in the world — rocket launches.

Out of hundreds of contestants who entered, local photographer Jeff Themert's photo was picked. Even though they're all beautiful pictures, his stands out as being especially unique and beautiful. The original photograph is available at downtown gallery.



Jeff Themert, pictured with his launch photo inside The Downtown Art Gallery.

Jeff Themert is an award winning Fine Art Landscape Photographer. His art is purchased globally. Jeff participates in many juried fine art shows across the country and has received many awards and recognition for his talent. A large selection of his work is on display at The Downtown Art Gallery in his home of Titusville, Florida.

The Downtown Art Gallery is located in Titusville at 335 S. Washington Avenue (US 1) in the heart of downtown.

You can follow Jeff on Instagram @Themert\_Phography or by calling 321-268-0122.

# Going Once, Going Twice, Sold!

Local Legend and Auctioneer spent a career wheeling and dealing everything imaginable.

Since 1977, Cliff Shuler Auctioneers & Liquidators, Inc. has been conducting commercial and residential real estate and personal property auctions, business liquidations, and appraisals here in Titusville. Owned and operated by Cliff Shuler and his wife Debbie, the company has grown to be the largest and oldest auction firm in Brevard County, and they offer their services statewide.

Cliff first came to Titusville, working at J.C. Penney's in the old Miracle City Mall. He eventually opened up The Dive Shop in town, and then became an auctioneer. Cliff received his Real Estate and Auctioneer's licenses in 1977, and along with auctioneering, he and his wife — also a licensed real estate broker and auctioneer — started Shuler & Shuler Real Estate Auctioneers, Inc. As part of their operations, they obtained a motor vehicle dealer license and a federal firearms license that would enable them to auction and sell virtually anything that came their way.

"The stories are many, over 42 years," said Debbie Shuler, reminiscing on some of the more memorable auctions they have conducted. "Captain Ed's bankruptcy was very big. We had the pleasure of working with Federal Bankruptcy Trustee George Mills on that one. We Auctioned Port leases, land throughout Merritt Island, personal property. People were on the phones putting deals together as the Auction was in progress. It was a very big Auction."

Another memorable auction took place in Mims, where animals were part of the sale. Debbie recalls a buyer who arrived in a brand new Cadillac Escalade and bought a couple of goats for acreage they owned, loading them in the vehicle's back seat and taking off down the road.

"One Auction in Cocoa Beach had 6 items; one was a DeLorean DMC-12 sports car," she remembered.

Clients of the business have included individuals, businesses, estates, the Small Business Administration, many cities & counties, tax collectors, federal courts, the IRS, airport authorities, and more. They have also been auctioning the City of Titusville's surplus, including some real estate, for over 20 years.

Cliff Shuler Auctioneers & Liquidators, Inc. employ an experienced

auction staff to include auctioneers, real estate agents, clerks, cashiers, assistants, award winning advertising personnel, and a network of statewide affiliates. The team holds live auctions every 2 months out of their compound at 422 Julia Street, which regularly draw big crowds.

"I think the reason why our auctions at Julia Street are so large in the number of attendees is because we are very diversified with our merchandise," said Debbie. "We auction real estate, antiques, cars, trucks and vans, motor homes, boats, guns, timeshares, coin and stamp collections, and on and on. We have a wide range of items; something for every bidder."



Patrons peruse items up for sale at a recent Shuler Auction in Titusville. (photo courtesy of Shuler Auctions)

Through the years, Cliff racked up a number of achievements throughout the state. He has earned multiple National and Florida Auctioneers Associations marketing awards. He has been an expert witness in federal bankruptcy cases; has been a member of numerous local, regional, and national boards and societies; and has garnered the respect of countless people in his industry and in the community.

Sadly, Cliff Shuler passed away on September 5, 2019, handing off the business to Debbie, and leaving an indelible legacy in the auction industry. For more information on Cliff, his accomplishments, or the business, go to their website at [www.soldfor.com](http://www.soldfor.com).

Cliff Shuler



## Titusville company plays pivotal role in national defense

Aero Electronics Systems expands their operations as defense industry's needs increase.



The main entrance to Aero Electronics System's facility, located off of South Park Avenue in Titusville.

TITUSVILLE, Fla. — Aero Electronics Systems, a multi-million dollar military contractor located on South Park Avenue, has been hard at work on a new upgrade to their manufacturing facility as business continues to grow. The new building will add 9,000 square feet of manufacturing floor space, more than double the original building's total of 6,000 square feet used for manufacturing alone, not including the 4,000 square feet of administrative offices.

The company manufactures custom cables, harnesses, and electronic assemblies, with 100% of their contracts being for U.S. military suppliers. Due to continuous growth, Aero Electronics found themselves with the need to expand, not only increasing the size of their facility but also looking to hire on many new hands. Four new positions have already been filled this year and many more will be hired in the next several months, joining a workforce of over 80 personnel at the facility.

"We're looking to hire 8 new positions by 2020," says Mike Johnson, general manager of the company. "Then, starting in January, we want to hire 4 new employees every month until at least July." When asked about the job experience required Johnson said, "We don't hire based solely off of experience. We're much more interested in finding employees with a good work ethic, and attention to detail."

Aero Electronics is a Hubzone (Historically Underutilized Business Zone) certified business, which helps it gain access to federal procurement opportunities. One of the requirements is that the business' workers must be hired from within that zone.

The company has been open for over 14 years. With a motto like "Relentless Pursuit of Excellence", you know that they take great pride in their service and in their product, especially since what they do directly affects our nation's security. To that end, the company performs rigorous testing of all its components before they go out to the warfighter.



Workers assemble one of the many components manufactured by Aero Electronics Systems at their Titusville facility. (Photo courtesy of Aero Electronics Systems)

"The stuff has to work — has to be good," Johnsons expressed, "When you're the guy out in the field and you push the button and it doesn't work, that's the scenario we don't want to happen. Our customers need to know that their product is going to work every time."



**Above:** wires for a component are prepared by a worker. **Right:** one of the finished components manufactured by Aero Electronics Systems in Titusville.

The list of corporate contracts Aero provides components to includes Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, and Harris.

"Unfortunately, the state of the world has made our industry be in demand," stated Johnson, noting that the increase in hostilities throughout the world has provided more opportunities for the business to grow.

For more information about Aero Electronics Systems and their open positions, check out their website at [www.aeroelectronics.net](http://www.aeroelectronics.net).



Panoramic view inside Aero Electronics Systems' new building in Titusville.

## Project Developer presents Walker Hotel conceptual plans to Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency

Tentative plans give a glimpse into what LaunchNow Titusville hopes to in downtown.



Concept artwork depicting what the front of the Walker Hotel may look like after renovations are complete. (Image courtesy of LaunchNow Titusville)

TITUSVILLE, Fla — Laura Hamilton, Lead Developer of LaunchNow Titusville, gave a report to the city's Community Redevelopment Agency board members on Oct. 8, 2019, where she presented her company's vision for what could eventually be located at the old Walker Hotel. The tentative design — which requires approval from the National Parks Service since the building is on the National Register of Historic Places — is to put a food hall venue on the first floor of the building.

Unlike a food court, which tends to be more of a fast food establishment similar to those found in many shopping malls and plazas, a food hall consists of more artisanal and niche restaurants, along with a mix of retail and specialty shops.

"For the last couple of years we've had this conundrum of how to create the right mix of retail and restaurant in the first floor that would drive pedestrian traffic and create a sense of community," said Hamilton, stating this approach is operating successfully in many areas across the country. Hamilton cited one bonus of the food hall is that it allows vendors to have smaller startup costs, making it easier to get their business up and running.



Example of the kind of wine bar setting that may be located in a food hall.

"The great thing about a food hall is everybody can go — the whole family can go — and everyone can find something for themselves," said culinary expert and restaurant developer Chef Rocky Tarantello, speaking to the diversity of what people will find in such a venue. He explained there could be a, "mix of food, beverage, craft beer, a wine bar, a beer garden, also local retail."

Converting the historic building into a 21st century living and working environment has brought about many difficulties,

particularly the requirement that it closely resemble its original configuration from 1924. Something Hamilton described as, "Probably the biggest challenge that we face."

"One of the challenges with the current floor plan is that historically there were four different bays in this space, and because this building is on the national registry of historic places, we need to make sure that we can get an allowance from the National Parks Service to have this be one big open space."

Hamilton explained that part of the process of converting the old hotel and adjacent old bank into 20 apartments and a co-working space, involved cataloging every piece of molding, every window pane, every door knob — a task undertaken by Ciarra Taylor, the project coordinator. If they come across something that needs to be replaced, they have to search for something identical to the original in order to stay within guidelines.

Another concept the developers put before the board was the possibility of converting the landscaping directly in front of the covered walkway into a sidewalk so the covered area can become restaurant seating for patrons to enjoy the outdoors with their meal, and perhaps, live music.



Just one of many stacks of molding found inside the Walker Hotel that must be cataloged.

"Interestingly enough, your ideas are a lot of what we've been talking about for the last few months," said Titusville Mayor Walt Johnson, chairperson of the CRA board, "so it's very exciting to us as well."



**Above:** The covered walkway on the front of the Walker Hotel as it sits today. (Photo courtesy of LaunchNow Titusville)

Speaking to the growth opportunities that this project could bring to Downtown Titusville, Member Robert Jordan stated, "I think what they're looking at is something that will draw the type of clientele we have — and the citizens we have — it will draw them downtown."



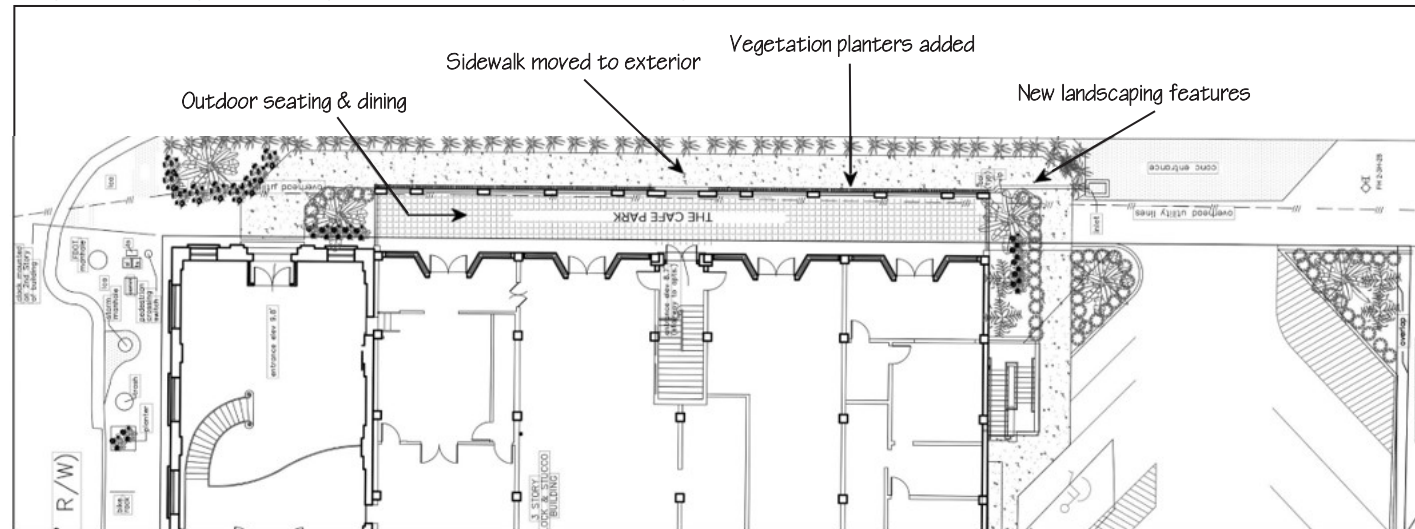
**Right:** A photo of a similar area showing what LaunchNow would like to do on the front of the hotel.

Hamilton reported their timeline for the project depends on their meeting with the National Parks Service and the decision they make with regard to permitting the changes to the first floor. As a result, no definitive completion date for the project could be given.

Some of the local businesses that are assisting with this project include Rocket City Real Estate, civil engineer Woody Rice, and Loyd Contracting. For more information on the project, visit the LaunchNow Titusville website at: [www.launchnow.space/retail-space-for-rent-titusville.html](http://www.launchnow.space/retail-space-for-rent-titusville.html)



Design sketch showing possible changes to the front of the Walker Hotel, pending NPS approval.



# LOCKHEED MARTIN → Titusville

Lockheed Martin, a leading supplier to the defense and aerospace industry, officially marked the relocation of its Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) headquarters to Titusville in July with a ceremony attended by local officials and dignitaries. The FBM program supports the company's Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Cape Canaveral. Lockheed has developed, built, and sustained six generations of submarine-launched ballistic missiles under the FBM program.

The current generation of missiles (Trident II D5) are carried on the U.S. Navy's Ohio-class submarines, and form the sea-based leg of the U.S.'s nuclear triad. The move to relocate the FBM headquarters division to Titusville is expected to result in a capital investment of more than \$40 million, and the transition of 350 jobs from Sunnyvale, California to Florida's Space Coast. The State of Florida, through its Enterprise Florida agency, along with support from the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast and assistance from the North Brevard Economic Development Zone, helped induce the relocation.

Lockheed Martin is one of the world's leading companies in aviation, aeronautics, defense, security, and advanced technologies. Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, the

company employs more than 116,000 people worldwide, and is considered one of the world's largest defense contractors, based upon revenues for fiscal year 2018. Within Florida, the company has a workforce of approximately 12,000 people. To learn more about the company, visit [www.lockheedmartin.com](http://www.lockheedmartin.com).



U.S. Navy sailors hoist the Lockheed Martin flag during a recent ceremony at the new Fleet Ballistic Missile program headquarters in Titusville. (Photo: PRNewswire).

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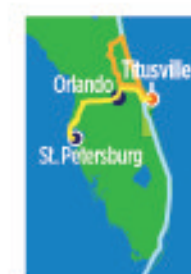
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# TITUSVILLE'S GATEWAY TO THE SEA



by Steven Linden, Canaveral Port Authority Director of Communications and Public Affairs

## Port Canaveral's continuing growth is a boon to our local economy.

The sights of massive cruise ships carrying thousands of excited guests to enticing vacation destinations and the sounds of heavy machinery erecting new state-of-the-art terminals are unmistakable signs that Port Canaveral, the world's second-busiest cruise port, is thriving today and building for tomorrow.

And cruise passengers are taking notice.

Recently, Port Canaveral was voted world's "Best Cruise Port" by readers of *Global Traveler*, a monthly magazine for business and leisure luxury travelers, and earned one of the publication's 2019 Leisure Lifestyle Awards. The Port finished ahead of ports in such cities as Miami, Los Angeles and Venice, Italy, for the honor.

*Global Traveler* conducted a survey of readers from Oct. 1, 2018, to Jan. 31, 2019, with open-ended questions to determine the best port in categories such as leisure, luxury and lifestyle travel. Results were published in the magazine's May issue.

"We strive to provide our cruise partners and their valued guests with the best possible cruise port experience," Port Director and CEO Capt. John Murray said after accepting the magazine's award in June.

More than 4.5 million passengers passed through the Port in Fiscal Year 2018, a 7.7 percent increase over 2017. Many of them stayed at hotels and motels throughout the Space Coast,

including Titusville. And multiday cruise revenue jumped 7.1 percent from the previous year, accounting for more than \$77 million of the Port's record \$103.7 million in revenue for FY 18.

Carnival Cruise Line, Disney Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean International have nine total ships based at the Port, which is also a popular port of call for other cruise lines. On Memorial Day, the Port hosted six cruise ships for the first of nine times in 2019 and welcomed 35,111 passengers. Only twice before – in February and March 2015 – had the 65-year-old Port handled so many cruise ships on one day. Since then, the Port has hosted six cruise ships three more times this year.



Cruise terminal construction underway at Port Canaveral. (Image courtesy of Canaveral Port Authority)



Artist rendering of the new Cruise Terminal 3, under construction now at Port Canaveral. (Image courtesy of Canaveral Port Authority)

In March, the Port broke ground for construction of a new Cruise Terminal 3 complex that will become the year-round home of cruise partner Carnival's newest and most innovative cruise ship, the 180,000-ton *Mardi Gras*. The \$163 million project – the largest in the Port's history – will feature a two-story, 187,000-square-foot terminal facility with a futuristic design inspired by nearby Kennedy Space Center, an adjacent six-story parking garage with room for 1,800 vehicles, and a new waterside berth. The complex is scheduled for completion in May 2020 and will be ready for the *Mardi Gras*' arrival in October 2020.



Artist rendering depicting Carnival Cruise's new ship *Mardi Gras*, expected to be at Port Canaveral in October 2020. (Image courtesy of Carnival Cruise Line)

With a maximum capacity of 6,500 passengers and about 2,000 crew members, the *Mardi Gras* will be the first North-American-based cruise ship powered by cleaner-burning liquefied natural gas (LNG). Groundbreaking occurred a few months after the Canaveral Port Authority approved a new 25-year operating agreement with Carnival, its oldest cruise partner which currently bases cruise ships *Breeze*, *Elation* and *Liberty* at the Port.

The Port Authority also reached a 20-year deal with Disney in May to expand operations and bring two of Disney's three new cruise ships to the Port. Replacing a deal set to expire in 2027, the new agreement gradually increases the number of port calls from the current 150 to 180 in 2023 and up to 216 calls in 2024 through the remainder of the 20-year term.

The new agreement continues Disney's exclusive operation

from Cruise Terminal 8 and provides preferential use of the Port's Cruise Terminal 10 for a third homeport vessel. More than \$46 million in planned waterside and landside improvements to both terminals will accommodate new Disney ships expected to be delivered in 2021, 2022 and 2023, with two of them homeporting at the Port for at least their first five years of operation. One of the four ships in Disney's current fleet also will be based at the Port. Disney currently operates its two biggest ships, the *Dream* and *Fantasy*, at the Port year-round.

In May, Royal Caribbean moved the 1,188-foot-long *Harmony of the Seas*, the world's second-largest cruise ship, and the 1,020-foot-long *Mariner of the Seas* to the Port. The *Harmony*, the largest cruise ship ever to homeport at the Port, has room for 6,700 guests and 2,100 crew members. The *Mariner* can carry up to 4,000 passengers and 1,200 crew.

Royal Caribbean also brought the world's largest cruise ship, the *Symphony of the Seas*, to the Port in November for its first North American port of call. Norwegian Cruise Line's *Sun* offers three-to-five-day Bahamas cruises from the Port. In 2018, the *Sun* became the first homeported cruise ship to sail from the Port to Cuba.



Concept art of Disney's redesigned cruise terminals 8 and 9. (Image courtesy of Canaveral Port Authority)

Port Canaveral has a presence in Titusville as well. The Port Canaveral Logistics Center at Titusville at 7700 U.S. 1, purchased in 2016, was the Port's first inland facility. A dock high Class A Logistics Warehouse facility, the center has 246,240 square feet of space for lease. RUAG Space, a leading product supplier to the space industry, recently expanded its facility at the center to 46,600 square feet. Work from the Titusville factory will include the manufacturing of satellite structures for global communications company OneWeb. Delivery service Ralph's Transfer Inc. also leased 63,000 square feet of space at the center.

With the Port's 30-year vision plan in place as a guide and more than \$400 million currently in capital improvement projects that will boost the Port's capabilities and capacity in cruise operations, Murray believes the course charted for the Port is a good one.

"We can handle the biggest cruise ships in the world," Murray said. "It's exciting because there are more passengers, newer and larger ships and more tourism coming through Central Florida. It's good for us and the surrounding community."



# The Unique Flavors of Downtown

New local businesses revitalize empty storefronts with their distinctive tastes.

Titusville's downtown area has seen its share of growth over the past few months as three new businesses opened their doors in storefronts that had stood empty and unused for many years. Sitting along northbound US-1 near Nevins Courtyard and across the street from one another, the three establishments are vastly different by the nature of the products they offer customers, yet similar by virtue of the unique flavors and experiences they provide.

## Like Freshly Ground Heaven

What was once a barbershop in Suite B, nestled in the back of 322 South Washington Avenue, is Pier 13 Coffee Company, which started roasting fresh coffee in September. Owned and operated by Justin Hilligoss and his wife Julie — who runs Hotpoint Boutique next door — Pier 13 offers a variety of coffees with myriad flavors, all bought from family-owned farms in places like Rwanda, Columbia, Guatemala, and Peru, to name a few. Their philosophy: buying from these small farms directly will provide the workers with better wages, who will in turn produce the best coffee possible.

Starting this business was an idea that had been percolating on Justin's



Justin Hilligoss uses his new Mill City roaster to make fresh coffee every day.

mind for the past few years; he wanted to open a place where he could roast high-quality coffee and sell to local restaurants and other establishments. In 2017, Justin began looking into equipment, eventually buying a Mill City roaster from Minnesota, a company and product with an excellent reputation in the industry. All he needed was a location. Thankfully, his mother-in-law owned a building in Downtown Titusville that would be perfect for his idea. Getting the building ready for use would prove to be a challenge.

Originally constructed in 1957, renovation on the building took up most of 2018 – 2019, with a lot of work required on the roof. The building sat empty for so long, the ceiling and its old gypsum board and poured concrete surface suffered from years of water intrusion, causing mold to form throughout the overhead.

"It took nearly three months for workers just to chip off the old stuff before putting on the new," Justin said. Inside, new flooring, wooden walls, lightning and electrical was required, and it took a while to get everything in place.

During the journey from concept to opening up, Justin's business plan required adjustment due to local ordinances. In order for him to locate his coffee production in the downtown area, he was required to open a small café and sell to the public as well. It took extra work, but soon there were tables and seats for customers to come in and relax while enjoying a fresh cup of Joe. No detail was left untouched, right down to a faux red brick wall, handmade from layers of stucco and paint, creating a cozy and quaint place with an aroma that will instantly make you want to have a cup, or three.



Justin Hilligoss outside Pier 13 Coffee in Downtown Titusville.

"Lattes and bag coffee are the biggest sellers," Justin said, and with fall and winter arriving, new specialty blends are in the works, including a pumpkin pie latte that is sure to delight. Bulk orders are going strong as well, as places like Third Culture Kitchen on Cheney Hwy purchase Justin's coffee to serve on their brunch menu. In addition to fresh coffees and cold and hot caffeinated drinks, Pier 13 has also collaborated with neighbor MacSweets to sell a variety of croissants in the café along with their beverages.

Pier 13 is open for everyone to enjoy, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Born of a Grandmother's Love

Directly in front of — in fact sharing a kitchen with — Pier 13 Coffee is the new ice cream shop with a name that is easy to remember, The Mad Utter. Taking up Suite A of 322 South Washington Avenue, the shop opened in late September and is the brainchild of Chad Schreiber, a 24-year-old fluids engineer out at Kennedy Space Center. Started in memory of Chad's grandmother Carolyn, the creamery had been a childhood dream for this young entrepreneur, one he shared with his father since he was about eight years old, growing up in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

In 2017, Chad graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a degree in aerospace engineering. That same year he and his family suffered the loss of his grandmother, who had a love of cooking and sweets, and an unwillingness to let Chad skip on deserts. So in July Of 2018, Chad sought to fill the hole left by her passing with something he knew she would love — ice cream. The concept of Mad Utter was born. With his father as an advisor, Chad set out to start his business. He found the location downtown and went to work on getting the inside renovated. He shared the cost of the work 50/50 with the building's owner and faced similar challenges as his coffee shop neighbor. A lot of work was needed, and as Chad put it, he spent "a good amount of money," to make his dream come true.

Interior work was a challenge. One particular feature that proved difficult was the wood panel walls, created by Chad who personally

tore apart multiple wood pallets to use for the siding. Between working on the interior, finding the equipment he needed, and researching and taking classes to make a quality product, Chad spent a lot of time with the help of good friends, bringing the shop to life; all while holding down his full-time job processing payloads for the International Space Station.



Chad Schreiber, owner of Mad Utter Ice Cream, handmakes a waffle cone for a customer.

Chad has become quite adept at hand-making waffle cones, and his determination and dedication paid off with Mad Utter officially opened featuring fresh ice cream made right there in the kitchen. Presently, Chad serves up 10 flavors, which he changes up over time.



Common staples such as vanilla, chocolate and dark chocolate top the list, with other more unique treats such as Oreo truffle, peanut butter cup, and something called "the Darkside of the Cookie," on the menu as well. Chad is also working on fall flavors, including a pumpkin spice ice cream currently being experimented with.

At the moment, Mad Utter is operating on what Chad calls "winter hours," Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; working the counter himself with the help of his friends. Over the next few months, he plans to begin hiring people to run the shop, and by next summer expects to be open every day from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Chad Schreiber serves a happy customer their homemade ice cream cone.

With regard to the name: The Mad Utter — it is a tip of the hat to Alice in Wonderland.

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## Raising a Glass to Success

Across the street from the coffee and ice cream shops, another new business opened this summer, targeting a customer base of a different age range with something more grown-up. OhVino, a new wine bar located in the corner storefront of 319 South Washington Avenue, in the Nevins Courtyard, offers up large variety of wines and adult beverages for everyone looking to unwind and enjoy a glass.

Owned and operated by Alan Wood and his godson James Oh, OhVino has been in the works since February of this year, when they decided to combine their business experience from past ventures like coffee shops, and a vitamin and health food store in Pennsylvania. This is their first wine bar, and is the culmination of a lifelong hobby for Alan.

"It's been a hobby all my life, since I was 12 growing up in Manhattan," Alan said, standing behind the bar. Alan retired from the air freight business in 1998 and moved to Pennsylvania, before settling in Florida. When asked why he chose Titusville, he smiled and said, "I've been to Florida many times. This is one of the few spots left where it's still Old Florida; comfortable and nice."

Inside guests will find an atypical place; there are no TVs or other distractions anywhere to be found. Only soft background music and conversation. The lighting is warm and not overbearing, adding to the low-key feel of the place. On the walls are custom decorations and art pieces created by James — a chemical engineer by trade — who tapped into his artistic side while trying to create a nice place for customers to sit and relax.



Patrons enjoy the wine and the ambiance on one of OhVino's first nights open. (Image: Paula Jo Thompson, Facebook)

"We wanted to make a social gathering place in town," James said, "a quiet place without TV, for people to talk."

On the menu are over 100 different wines, over 39 craft beers, and approximately 10 – 15 sakes; all imported, nothing domestic. Their specialty is the assortment of wine and sake flights, which includes red and white wine; and coconut, dark chocolate, apple, orange, and mango sakes. Their most popular items on the menu are red wine, cabernet sauvignon, ginger sake, and the assorted cheese platters — to name a few.

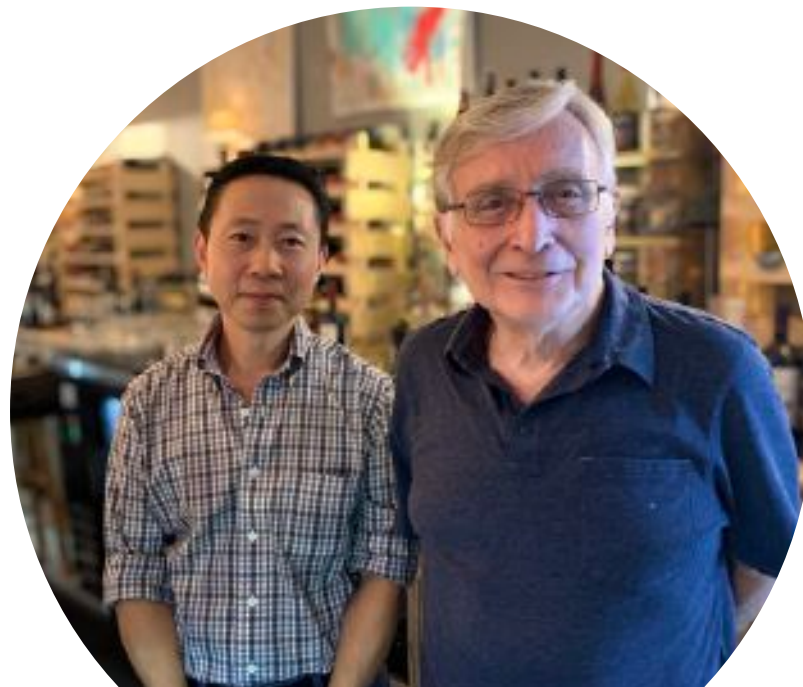
"You won't find Budweiser here," said Gary Elefante, OhVino's Top Loyal Customer according to owner James. When asked why he chooses to come to this bar, Gary answered: "Two things, first the ambience — it's quite peaceful here. And, to be honest, the owners."



Three of the top wines available at OhVino in Downtown Titusville. (Image: Facebook)

James and Alan are looking forward to being in the downtown area, and are excited for what the future holds and what new things are on the horizon. As for their future plans, they would like to bring in live music, something they've done once or twice but would like to make a more recurring thing.

OhVino is open Wednesday through Saturday 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.



James Oh and his godfather Alan Wood, are partners in the new wine bar OhVino, located at 319 South Washington Ave, in Downtown Titusville.

# Titusville City Council Approves New Environment-Friendly Resolutions

At their July 23, 2019 City Council Meeting, the Titusville City Council passed three new resolutions supporting new programs to help the local environment.

## Recognizing Businesses for their Commitment to Reducing Single-Use Plastic and EPS Waste

Titusville City Council adopted Resolution No. 32-2019 encouraging all citizens and business owners to voluntarily participate in Keep Brevard Beautiful's Litter Quitter program and similar initiatives aimed at reducing the use of single-use plastics and EPS products and packaging while recognizing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's hierarchy:

- A - REDUCE the use of single-use plastics by selecting appropriate alternatives
- B - REUSE items whenever possible
- C - RECYCLE items appropriately (if it can't be reduced or reused)



The City will officially recognize those businesses within the City who commit to a single-use plastics and EPS reductions program with a Proclamation of Appreciation, which will continue to be effective so long as the business demonstrates their involvement and continuous support.

## Supporting KBB's Lagoon Friendly Lawn Program and Similar Programs

Resolution No. 33-2019 was adopted by the City Council supporting Keep Brevard Beautiful's Lagoon Friendly Lawn program and similar programs aimed at reducing nutrient pollution and stormwater runoff. KBB's Lagoon Friendly Lawn program awards unique lawn signs to homeowners for incorporating certain lawn care designs and practices, such as reducing turf area, fertilizer use, and impervious surfaces to improve water quality.

Lagoon Friendly Lawns also offers a county-wide certification system for lawn-care contractors, developed in partnership with the City of Satellite Beach Sustainability Board. Contractor certification

applications and any violation reports are handled by a review board of scientists, business owners and municipal officials. Any homeowner who utilizes a Lagoon Friendly Lawns contractor is automatically qualified for the "member" level of lawn certification in the areas of service provided by that contractor.

## Supporting a Countywide Composting Program

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 34-2019 supporting the practice of composting and to collaborate with Brevard County and surrounding cities to implement a county-wide composting program. Composting is the process of turning kitchen and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil through a controlled process of natural decomposition.

Composting helps divert food waste from the landfill, which is one of the largest sources of municipal waste. By encouraging composting, the available space at the Brevard County Solid Waste Management Central Disposal Facility can be prioritized for wastes which cannot be recycled or composted. This helps reduce the need for future expansions or additional disposal facilities.



Photo of a typical composting container.

# UPCOMING COUNTY EVENTS

## 4th Annual Harvest Festival

**Enchanted Forest - Titusville • Sat., Oct. 26; 10am - 3pm**  
**Event is free to attend, donations are welcome.**

Celebrate autumn at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary during the fourth annual Harvest Festival. During this free event guests are invited to enjoy guided hikes, hay rides, special presentations, meet live animals, explore environmental exhibitors, participate in educational activities, and much more! For more information, please call 321-264-5185.

## 26th Annual Fox Lake Winter Festival of Crafts

**Fox Lake Park - Titusville • Sat., Nov. 16; 9 am – 4 pm**  
**Free event.**

Come out and enjoy the Winter Festival of Crafts at Fox Lake Park in Titusville, showcasing only handcrafted items. This is a pet-friendly event and perfect for holiday shopping. Please call Annette Devlin or Erika Whitt at 321-264-5037

## Movie in the Park: “Bumblebee”

**Sand Point Park - Titusville • Fri., Nov. 22; 6-9 pm**  
**Feature presentation will begin at approximately 6 pm**  
**PG-13 | 1h 54min | Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi**

On the run in the year of 1987, Bumblebee finds refuge in a junkyard in a small Californian beach town. Charlie, on the cusp of turning 18 and trying to find her place in the world, discovers Bumblebee, battle-scarred and broken.

## Movie in the Park: “The Grinch”

**Sand Point Park in Titusville • Fri., Dec. 20; 6-9 pm**  
**Feature presentation will begin at approximately 6 pm**  
**PG | 1h 26min | Animation, Comedy, Family**

A grumpy Grinch plots to ruin Christmas for the village of Whoville. The Grinch tells the story of a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl’s generous holiday spirit. Funny, heartwarming, and visually stunning, it’s a universal story about the spirit of Christmas.

**North BREVARD Fall Festival**

**MOVIES in the Park**

Thanks for Voting Brevard!

**VOTE RESULTS:**  
 532 Hocus Pocus  
 494 Beetlejuice  
 34 Goosebumps 2

FOX LAKE PARK - 4400 FOX LAKE RD - TITUSVILLE FL 32796

**FRIDAY OCT 25** YOUR FALL FESTIVAL MOVIE  
**Hocus Pocus**  
 Rated PG  
 Friday, October 25, 2019  
 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

FOR MORE DETAILS & UPDATES VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE: facebook@bcarnorth

MEMBER TO ATTEND & POPCORN IS FREE too!

Thank you Community Partners!

**North BREVARD Fall Festival**

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**FREE! FRI OCT 25 5PM-10PM**  
 FRIDAY | OCTOBER 25 2019 | 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

For more information contact (321) 264-5105

**FREE Activities Include:**  
 Activity Booths | Bounce Houses | Caricatures  
 Costume Contest (all ages) | Face Painting  
 Games | Goody Bags | Laser Tag | Music  
 Halloween Hay Ride | Movies in the Park  
 Trunk-or-Treat & More!!

Goody Bags Given to All 300 Kids at the Event

MEMBER TO ATTEND & POPCORN IS FREE too!

**HOCUS POCUS | PG**  
 1h 30min | 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Thank you Community Partners!



# Let's All Go to the Lobby

By Maureen Phillips, Water Conservation and Public Outreach Manager

In a previous edition of Talking Points, you learned of the Water Conservation Program’s renewed focus on outdoor water conservation and improving the health of the Indian River Lagoon. In that article we discussed refreshing the native planting area in front of the Mourning Dove Water Treatment Plant. The planting is a living exhibit of native plants that shows their ability to thrive in a physically hostile environment without supplemental irrigation or chemical applications. Today’s article discusses campaign outreach targeted to new homeowners.

Your drink slops a small wave over the lip of the cup as you move your arm up to stuff another handful of butter-splattered, salty popcorn into your mouth. You lean back and the chair reclines to that perfect viewing angle. You stare straight ahead as the lights dim and the bright screen fills with a picture of a man relaxing on a lawn chair, surrounded by plants and a lawnmower with a “For Sale” sign. The picture fades to black as the text appears, “How natives spend the weekend,” followed by “City of Titusville Water Conservation Program, Save water. Save the real Florida. Plant natives in your yard.” Hello, you just saw your first water conservation public service message in Titusville’s Epic Theatre.

The Water Conservation Program has added movie theatres to its arsenal of media used to get the conservation message out to Titusville residents. For almost eighteen years, the Water Conservation Program has used media that has ranged from radio spots to billboards to reach the various segments of its drinking water consumers. Reaching out to audiences at the local movie theatre is the latest avenue used to influence several different segments of Titusville’s water consumers including young adults, newly marrieds, young families, and new homeowners. According to the Motion Picture Association of America, 25 to 39 year olds compose the largest share of moviegoers, while the National Association of Realtors’ data indicates that in 2018, the average age for first-time homebuyers was 21 to 28 years old and the largest share of homebuyers fell in the 21 to 38 age group. The data supports the selection of the movie theatre as a vehicle to reach a market segment that other media may miss; and to influence that segment on saving water, especially on saving water outdoors via plant selection and yard maintenance.

The Conservation Program contracted to have two 15-second ads play prior to every movie shown in each auditorium at Epic’s Titusville theatres. The ads will focus on different water conservation topics, with the initial subject being Florida native plants. The 15 second messages are designed to be pinpricks to the public’s consciousness.

None of the ads include dialogue. Instead, each ad is a vignette with images and text that titillates the viewer to find out more about the subject or to emulate the activity shown.



Image from one of the Native Plant videos featuring a small baby and a native Florida flower.

Created by Maureen Phillips, Water Conservation and Public Outreach Manager, the vignettes were filmed by the city’s two Media Specialists summer interns. Four separate scenarios highlighting Florida native plants’ lack of need for fertilizer, attractiveness, and reduced maintenance needs were shot. Scenes were filmed at the city’s studio as well as at the home of Titusville residents Matt Heyden and Lora Losi. Matt and Lora generously allowed the crew to use their native-filled yard to provide the background for the promos. The native plants were accompanied by human Florida natives: Brian Phillips and James Smith. Mr. Phillips (Water Conservation and Public Outreach Manager Maureen Phillips’ brother) donated his vacation day to be our adult Florida native, as well as supplied props and a vehicle to move them. Mr. Smith (Utility Engineering Manager Ashleigh Smith’s infant son) donated his nap time to be our baby Florida native. Additional props were provided by Ms. Phillips and Dan Leggett, Water Plant Operator.

The native plant promos will begin playing in mid-August and will continue into the fall. Additional conservation topics will be covered in the water conservation public service messages that will play throughout the year.



In August, the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC), the oldest and largest regional economic development association in North America, announced that the City of Titusville and the North Brevard Economic Development Zone were recipients of its 2019 Community Economic Development Award, known as "CEDA." Titusville was the winner in the category of communities with a population between 40,000 and 100,000, and was praised for its overall community development approach and results in new capital investment within the city. For more information on this year's CEDA recipients, visit [www.sedc.org](http://www.sedc.org).



## Hurricane Jams!

During the buildup to Hurricane Dorian, Titusville Police Sergeant John Cruz was out patrolling at Sand Point Park as part of a proactive storm crime prevention effort, when he noticed a resident observing the weather and passing time strumming his guitar. Sergeant Cruz struck up a conversation with the resident, which led to an impromptu jam session.

To date, the video on Facebook has reached over 150k people, and even garnered the attention of news and radio outlets, both locally and in Guam.



## UNDERSTANDING CHLORINE DOSING

If you own a travel cup that includes a straw or have a stainless steel straw that you use for different drinks, you clean it on a regular basis. Washing the straw with soap (a disinfectant) is the regular maintenance you perform to keep the straw clean. When the City performs a chlorine dosing of its water system, it is performing a basic maintenance procedure to clean out the "straw" through which you receive your drinking water.

Drinking water is treated in order to make it safe and palatable to drink. Part of that treatment process is disinfection. In Titusville, our primary disinfectant is chloramine. Chloramines are formed when ammonia combines with the chlorine. Chloramines have a lower disinfection power than free (only) chlorine but they reduce the taste and smell of chlorine in the water.

The purpose of a chlorine dosing is to ensure you always receive the highest quality drinking water. So, during a dosing we do not add any ammonia during our treatment in order to optimize the effectiveness of the chlorine. It is the lack of ammonia (and the resulting chloramines) that cause you to taste and smell the chlorine in your drinking water.

During a chlorine dosing, your water remains safe for drinking, cooking, bathing, and other everyday uses.

Water quality is constantly monitored during a dosing to ensure it meets regulated safety standards.

Reduce the taste or smell of chlorine in your drinking water during a dosing by boiling it or letting it stand in an open container, such as a pitcher, for several hours.

Consult your health care provider if you are currently undergoing dialysis or have a compromised immune system to determine whether the change in disinfection will affect your treatment.

Contact a pet or aquarium professional if you own a fish tank or pond that uses City water to determine if any adjustments to your aquarium treatment is needed during a chlorine dosing.

Check Water Resources' pages at [www.titusville.com](http://www.titusville.com) for information on current chlorine dosings.

If you have questions or concerns during the dosing, call the Chlorine Dosing Hotline at (321) 567-3878.

Chlorine Dosing scheduled from October 14 through November 11, 2019.



# FY18/19 Water Resources Projects

### Sanitary Sewer Assessment, Repairs, & Modifications

Objective: Evaluate sanitary sewer collection system to eliminate potential risks to Indian River Lagoon.

Project: Reviewed historic documentation and performed field evaluation of collection system. Repaired erosion damage at 3 lift stations, replaced old manhole plugs, and improved influent flow monitoring. Installed 4 isolation valves on wastewater force mains in close proximity to the Indian River Lagoon.

Cost: \$50,000

Completion: July, 2019

### Southern Service Area Water Main Loop

Objective: Improve water quality and water flow rate to south end of water distribution system.

Project: Designed and installed two miles of new water main creating a loop between Grissom Parkway and U.S. 1.

Cost: \$1 million in FLDEO grant funding + \$0.8 million city funding

Completion: September, 2019

### Bayview Lift Station Repairs

Objective: Mitigate risks to Indian River Lagoon from lift station in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

Project: Stabilized station by grading shoreline and installation of rip-rap. Extended stormwater pipe, installed safety guardrails, and constructed new driveway bulkhead.

Cost: \$80,000

Completion: March, 2019

### Rail Trail Utility Relocations

Objective: Relocate City utilities in the rail trail easements along the FECRRT Rail Trail.

Project: Relocated water main and fiber optic infrastructure to accommodate construction of 9 miles of new rail trail in north Brevard.

Cost: \$70,000

Completion: March, 2019



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Titusville Police CSI Unit  
Educating a Future Generation

The Titusville Police Department Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) and Evidence Unit team members have taken the initiative to educate local children about the techniques, procedures, and science of their chosen profession.

CSI manager Amanda Wright, and CSI technicians Stephanie McGowan and Caitlyn Moore were approached by several local groups in reference to creating an educational experience for students interested in pursuing a career in their field.

Without hesitation, the team worked over the summer of 2019 with educators at the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum in an effort to enhance the Heroes of S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) camp, which focuses on educating youth on different career paths in law enforcement, public safety, and space exploration.

More recently, the CSI Unit created a classroom experience for local students. Students had the opportunity to partake in a presentation and a question and answer session with CSI team members. In addition, students learned specific CSI applications, including a hands-on latent print experiment with balloons and finger print ink.

In addition, Titusville Police Explorers were provided intensive forensic chemical evidence training which included the use of Luminol.



### Did You Know?

- The City of Titusville Florida does not set the speed limits. They are set by the state and county but it is the city's responsibility to enforce.
- The police department's top traffic complaint area is the A Max Brewer Causeway. However, when officers do enforcement there, they are often criticized for not being elsewhere doing some other type of law enforcement.
- Four top locations for vehicle accidents are:
  1. Cheney Hwy and 405
  2. US 1 and Olmstead
  3. Garden St and Park Ave
  4. Garden St and S. Hopkins Ave (US1)
- The Titusville Police Department' dispatch center receives over 100,000 calls per year for police and fire calls.
- The Titusville Police Department attends, participates in, or hosts over 200 community outreach events per year.
- The Code Enforcement Division performs field inspections on a proactive and reactive basis for site, utility, landscaping, and public nuisances. This division utilizes the International Property Maintenance Code, City of Titusville Code of Ordinances, and the City of Titusville Land Development Regulations.

**Year to date stats are:**

**Complaints Received : 6283**  
**Signs Collected: 1581**

**Violations Recorded: 1118**  
**Parking Enforcement: 25**

## Mopeds, Go-Peds, Pocket Bikes & Scooters What You Should Know



### Motorized Scooters, Go-Peds & Pocket Bikes

Motorized scooters and go-peds are small two or three-wheel vehicles that a person may stand or sit upon to operate or ride. Some have electric motors, and some have gas engines. The steering is managed by use of a T-shaped handlebar.

Pocket bikes are miniature motorcycles with 50 cc or less gas engines that have automatic transmissions.

Motorized scooters, go-peds, and pocket bikes cannot be legally operated on public roadways, sidewalks, or bicycle paths.

### Mopeds and Motorized Bicycles

Mopeds have 50 cc or less engines with two wheels and can travel a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour. Motorized bicycles have electric helper motors and can travel a maximum of 20 miles per hour. Both mopeds and motorized bicycles have pedals and may be operated solely by human power.

A driver must have at least a Class E driver license and tag registration to legally operate a moped. The operator of a motorized bicycle does not require a driver license.

Persons 16 and older may operate a moped or a motorized bicycle on public roadways. Mopeds and motorized bicycles can be operated on sidewalks and bike paths only if operated solely by human power. Persons under 16 may only operate mopeds on private property and must wear protective headgear securely fastened upon their heads.

### Where can my child ride a motorized scooter, go-ped, or pocket bike?

Motorized scooters, go-peds, and pocket bikes can only be ridden on private property with permission from the owner of the property (e.g., driveway, yard). A person may not ride motorized scooters and pocket bikes on sidewalks, bike paths, or roadways.

### If motorized scooters, go-peds, or pocket bikes are illegal to ride on the roadways and sidewalks, then why are businesses allowed to sell them?

It is not against the law to possess, use, or operate a motorized scooter, go-ped, or pocket bike as long as you are on private property. Therefore, it is not against the law for businesses to sell them.

### What are the consequences should my child be stopped by a law enforcement officer while riding his motorized scooter, go-ped, pocket bike, moped, or motorized bike?

A person who operates or allows a juvenile to operate any motorized scooter, go-ped, pocket bike, moped, or motorized bicycle in violation of the law may be subject to the following:

If caught operating a moped or motorized bicycle using engine power, or a motorized scooter, go-ped, or pocket bike on a sidewalk, the operator will be issued a moving traffic citation for operating a motorized vehicle on a sidewalk. Florida Statute 316.1995.

The operator is also eligible to receive a criminal citation for operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This is a criminal violation which requires a mandatory court date, and the operator is subject to arrest. Florida Statute 320.02.

To operate a motor vehicle in the State of Florida, the operator must possess a valid driver license. If the operator is caught operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, he or she is subject to a criminal citation, mandatory court appearance, and/or arrest. Florida Statute 322.03.

Parents who knowingly allow a juvenile who has no driver license to operate a motor vehicle on public streets may be cited for a violation of Florida Statute 322.35, "Permitting an Unauthorized Minor to Drive." This is an arrestable misdemeanor.

### Why You Should Know

Children and young teenagers have likely never driven a vehicle before and are not familiar with traffic laws. They are often unaware of the traffic around them as well as traffic hazards that exist (e.g. blind spots, other vehicles, pedestrians, lighting conditions).

We have all seen it - a young child riding a moped or motorized scooter down the street or sidewalk, whizzing by, not paying attention to the traffic on the roads and not obeying stop signs or traffic lights. It's just a matter of time before someone gets hurt. Florida has several traffic laws in place for this very reason.

\*According to Florida law, motorized scooters, go-peds, and pocket bikes are considered motor vehicles. However, because motorized scooters, go-peds, and pocket bikes are not manufactured to meet the required federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act, they cannot be registered for operation on public roadways, even if the operator has a valid driver license. Mopeds can be registered for operation on public roadways, but an operator must have a valid driver license to operate one. Operators of motorized bicycles do not need a valid driver license and are not required to register them in order to operate them on public roadways.

Type	Drivers License	Registration	Roadway	Sidewalk/Bike Path
Motorized Scooter/ Go Ped (Gas or Electric)	Yes	Yes*	No	No
Pocket Bike	Yes	Yes*	No	No
Moped (Gas or Electric)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pedal Power
Motorized Bike (electric)	No	No	Yes	Pedal Power

### Woodgrain Distribution



Construction is complete on the expansion to Woodgrain Distribution.

### Pier 13 Coffee



Pier 13 Coffee is open for business at 322-B South Washington Ave.

### The Mad Utter Ice Cream



The Mad Utter is open for business at 322-A South Washington Ave.

### OhVino



OhVino is open for business at 319 South Washington Ave.

### Beat the Clock Escape Rooms



Beat the Clock Escape Rooms opened their doors on Friday, October 4 inside the Titusville Mall.

## Historic Spotlight



Fredrick A. Losley, an immigrant from Switzerland came to Titusville in 1882 by way of New Orleans and Cedar Key. He established Losley's Saloon, one of the city's first saloons, which was located on east Main Street.

In 1888, he began construction of a new two-story brick building on the west side of South Washington Avenue. The brick was purchased in Jacksonville, shipped by steamer to Sanford, and then to Salt Lake Landing. From there, ox-drawn wagon transported it to Pace's Landing on the Indian River and then finally delivered it to the building site. The first floor housed Losley's Saloon and Billiard Hall, two additional stores, plus a nine-foot alley. The second floor consisted of 10 rooms - 5 on each side of a center hall - which were used as boarding rooms.

When the Brevard County Anti-Saloon League organized in 1906 and vowed to make Brevard "dry", Losley closed the saloon. He persuaded his sister-in-law, Kate Myers, to open a restaurant in its place. "The City Restaurant" became a popular eating spot because of Kate's established reputation as a good cook. He named the upstairs the "Alpine Hotel". Some say this is because Losley came from Switzerland, and others say it's because the stairs were so steep.

After a lengthy bout with tuberculosis, Fredrick died in 1915 leaving the Losley building to his only surviving children, Leah and Leland. Leland later enclosed the nine foot alleyway and it became the location of Losley Electric from 1921 to 1928. The property remained in family ownership until it was sold in 1972. Today, Aker Eye Vision Source and Playalinda Sunglass Company occupy the building's first floor.

Important City Numbers	
Building Department	321.567.3760
Business Tax Receipts (Occupational Licenses)	321.567.3758
City Clerk	321.567.3686
City Hall Main Number	321.567.3775
City Hall FAX Number	321.383.5704
City Manager's Office	321.567.3702
Code Enforcement	321.567.3770
Community Advocate	321.567.3689
Customer Service (Utility Billing)	321.383.5791
Economic Development	321.567.3774
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	321.567.3800
Fire Public Education	321.567.3804
Human Resources	321.567.3728
Jobline	321.567.3731
Neighborhood Services	321.567.3784
Municipal Marina	321.383.5600
Permits	321.567.3759
Planning Department	321.567.3782
Police (Non-Emergency)	321.264.7800
Police / Fire Rescue (Emergency)	911
Solid Waste	321.383.5755
Stormwater	321.567.3832
Stormwater (After Hours Emergency)	888.399.1327
Streets Maintenance	321.567.3832
Water Field Operations (Water Main Break)	321.567.3883
Water Main Break (After Hours Emergency)	321.383.5657
Water Resources Conservation Program	321.567.3865
LED Sign Information	321.567.3689

Important Community Numbers	
Brevard County Auto Tags	321.264.5224
Chamber of Commerce	321.267.3036
Department of Motor Vehicles	321.264.5224
Florida Power and Light	800.577.1156
City Gas Co of Florida	321.636.4644
Social Security Office	321.633.8100
Canaveral National Seashore	321.267.1110
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge	321.861.0667

## Titusville Needs You!

Help guide our city into the future. Volunteer and serve on a board or commission.

- Historic Preservation Board
- Municipal Code Enforcement Board
- Titusville Environmental Commission
- North Brevard County Hospital District Board
- North Brevard Economic Development
- Zone Dependent Special District Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Board of Adjustments & Appeals

Information on board vacancies can be found at [Titusville.com](http://Titusville.com), or by calling the City Clerk's Office at 321-567-3686



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