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On the Cover: The Tico Belle C-47 aircraft at the Valiant Air Command. (Photo: Valiant Air Command / Martin and Terri Pring.)

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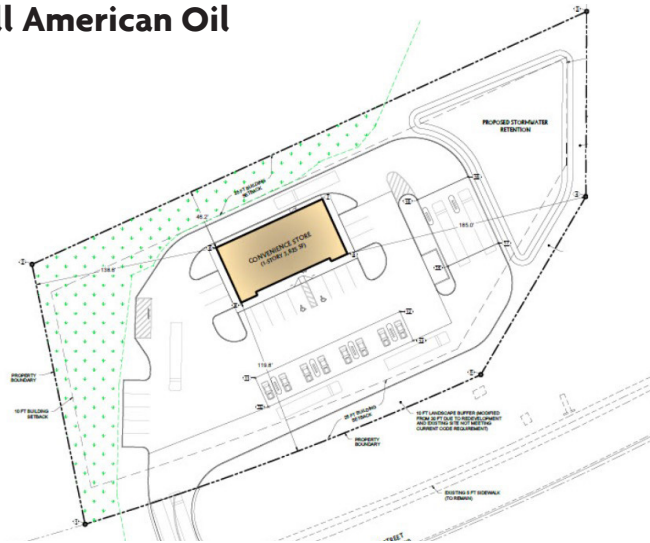
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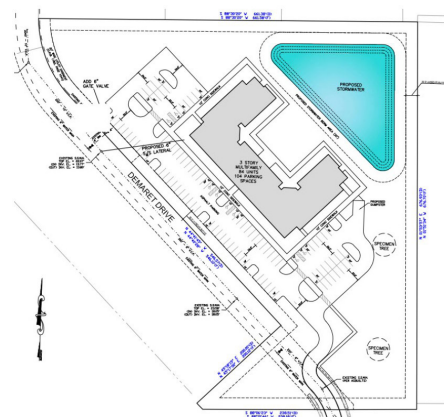
A site plan has been approved for infrastructure improvements for TICO Airport Authority. Additionally, a site plan has been approved for a new airport tower at 1 Bristow Way.

All American Oil



A site plan is under review to demolish the existing structure and construct a 3,825-square-foot convenience store with gas nozzles at 3580 Garden St.

Apollo Gardens



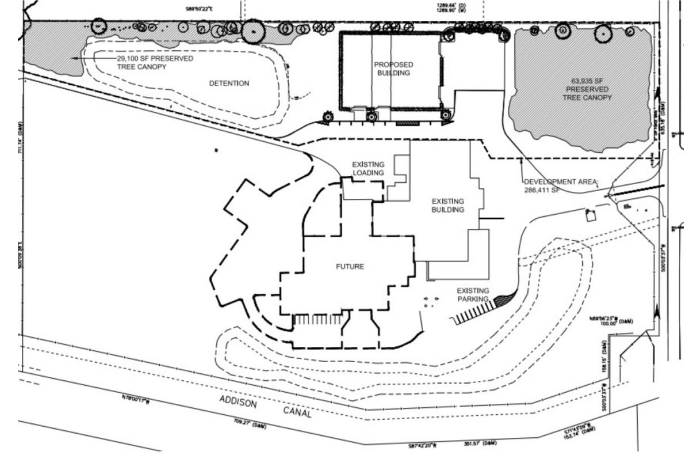
A site permit has been issued for 84 multi-family units on Demaret Dr.

Astra Haus Apartments



A site permit is under review for a 138-unit apartment complex.

AstroTech



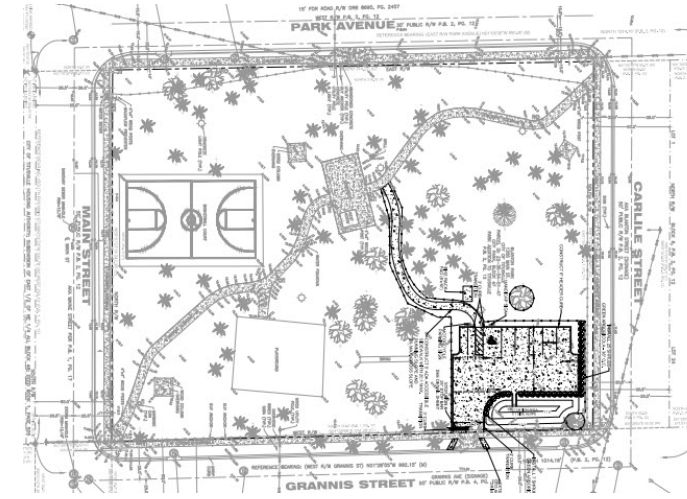
A site plan has been approved for a 30,000-square-foot warehouse expansion at 1515 Chaffee Drive.

Barna Townhomes



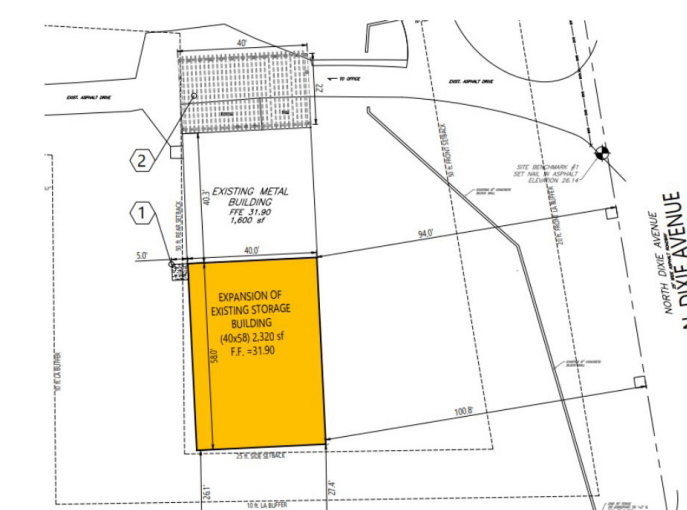
A sketch plat is under review for 42 townhomes at 2800 Barna Avenue.

Blanton Park



A site plan has been approved for park improvements including parking areas, pedestrian improvements and associated stormwater at 1300 Main Street.

Brinsea



A site plan has been approved for a 2,320-square-foot storage building expansion 704 N Dixie Avenue.

Brooks Landing



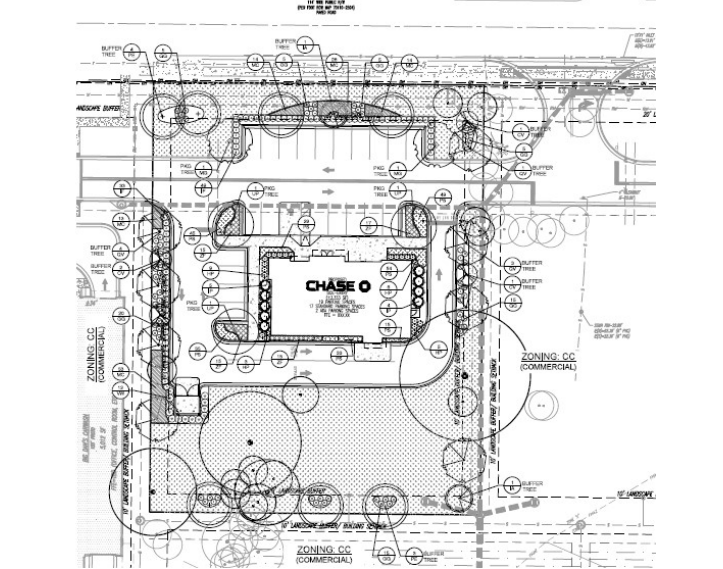
Site construction continues for 143 single-family homes north of Jay Jay Road.

Brookshire Subdivision



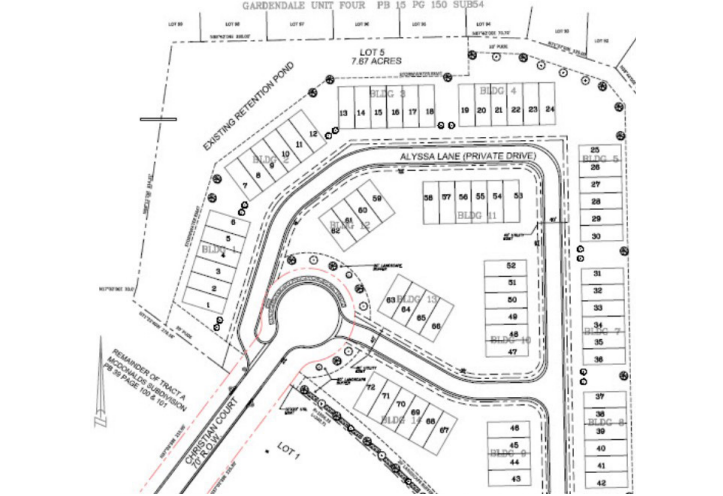
Site construction is complete and single-family home construction is underway for a 170-lot subdivision found at the northwest corner of Garden Street and I-95.

Chase Bank



A site plan is under review for a 3,333-square-foot bank at 2035 Cheney Highway.

Christian Court Condominiums



A site plan is under review for 72 condominium units to be located at 450 Christian Court, behind the McDonald's on Garden Street.

Draper Test Facility



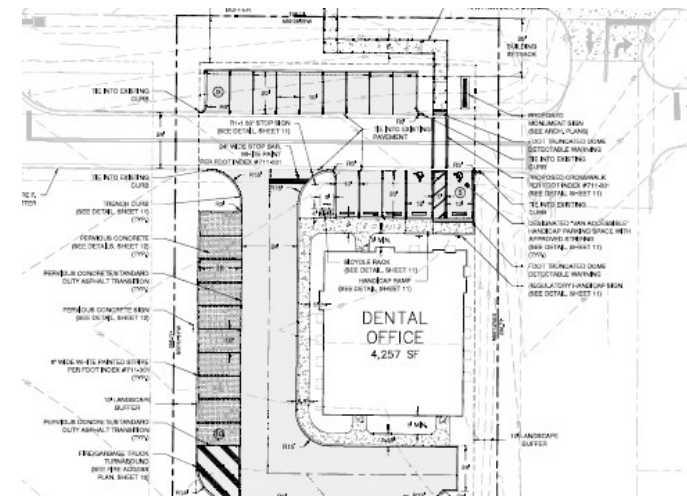
Site construction is underway for a 50,920-square-foot laboratory building located at 6280 Riverfront Center Boulevard.

Fox Hollow



Construction continues on three multi-family quadruplexes located on Fox Hollow Drive.

Heartland Dental



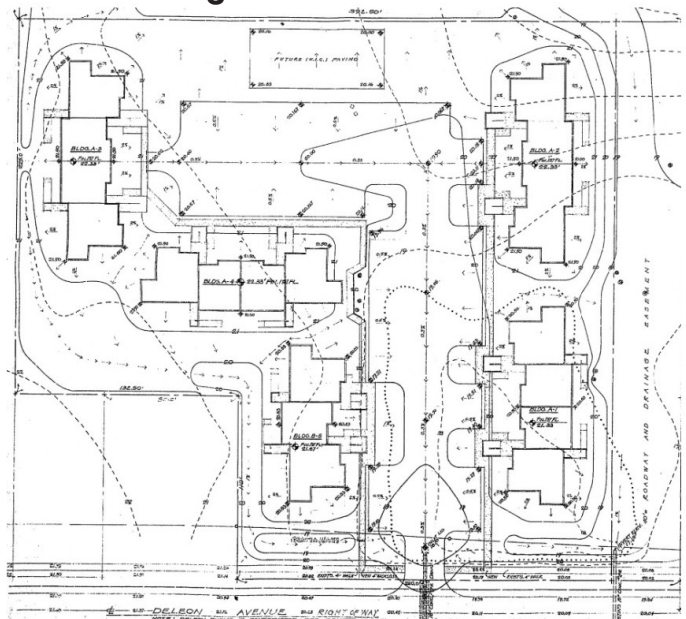
A site plan is under review for a 4,257-square-foot dental office to be located at 2035 Cheney Hwy, the site of the former Shamrock and Thistle.

Lockheed Martin



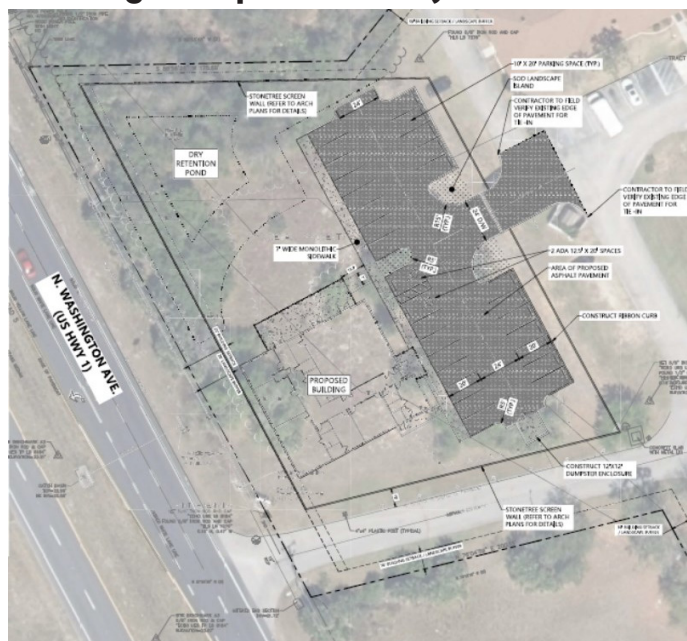
A site plan is under review for a 620,730-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse building to be located at 1103 John Glenn Blvd.

DeLeon Village



A site plan is under review for a redevelopment of an existing 39-unit apartment complex at 1350 S. DeLeon Ave.

Washington Square Activity Center



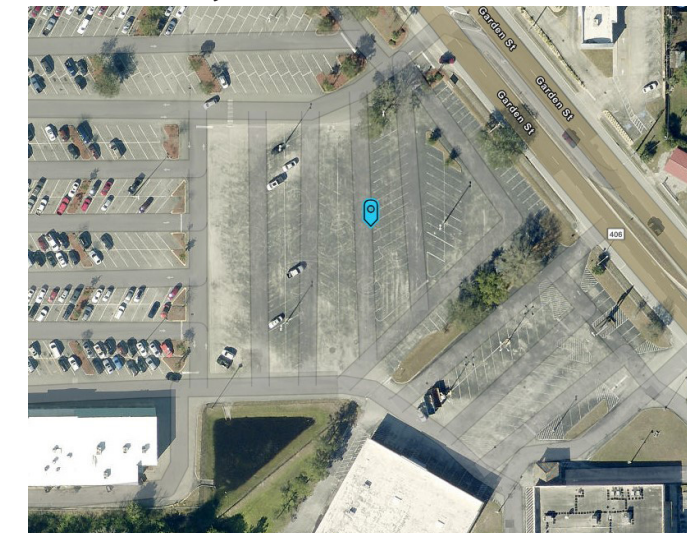
A site plan is under review for a 5,664-square-foot activity center to be located at 1401 N. Washington Ave.

Home2 Suites



A site plan is under review for a 18,536-square-foot hotel to be located at 4845 Helen Hauser Blvd.

MAVIS - St. John's Plaza



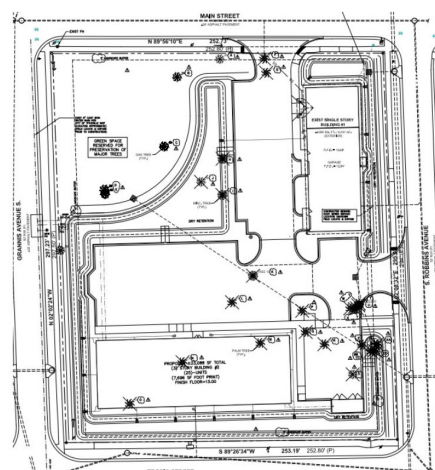
A site plan is under review for a tire and brake retail store to be located in the St. John's Plaza on Garden Street, west of the Harbor Freight store.

U-Haul



Construction continues on a 16,157-square-foot warehouse and 44,238-square-foot self-storage building at 2060 Garden St.

HABC Main Street



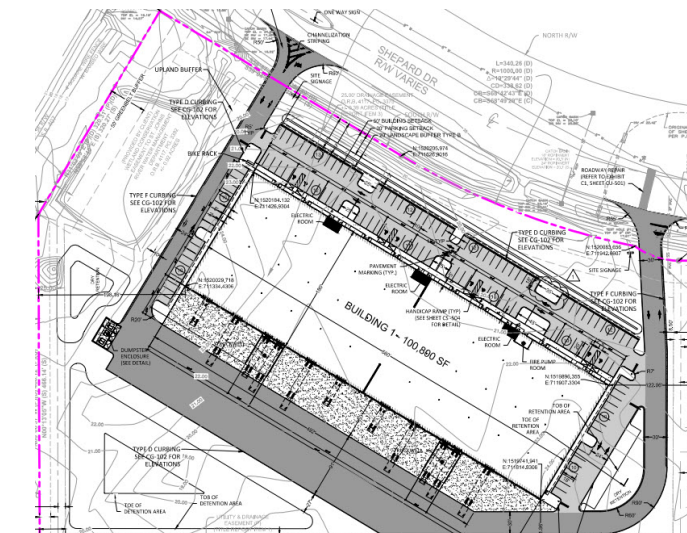
A site plan has been approved for 25 multi-family units to be located at 1211 Main St.

Huntington Park



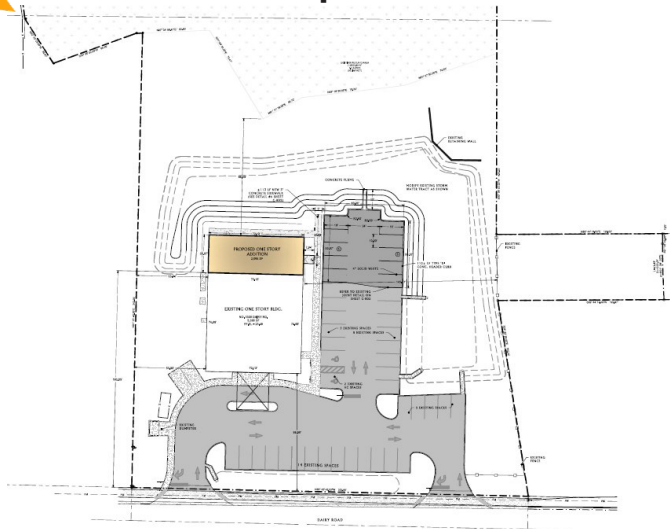
Site construction continues and streets are paved in preparation for 86 single-family homes to be built along S. Park Avenue.

NAP Commerce Park



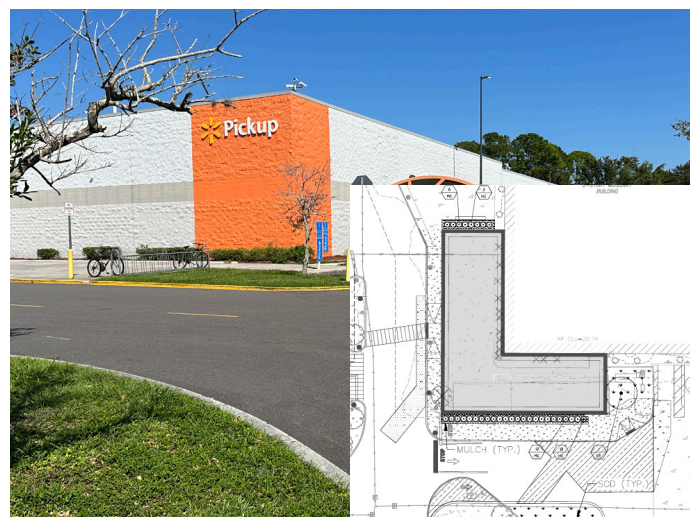
Site construction is underway for a 100,800-square-foot industrial warehouse building to be located at the corner of Shepard Drive and Challenger Memorial Parkway.

Ochoa Medical Expansion



A site plan is under review for a 2,064-square-foot medical office addition at 3300 Dairy Road.

Walmart Expansion



A site plan is under review for a 4,607-square-foot retail store addition at 3175 Cheney Highway.

Shores at Tranquility



The large development located north of the NASA Causeway along the Indian River Lagoon shoreline continues to move forward:

- Phase 1: Site construction is nearing completion, and single-family homes are under construction for 99 single-family homes.
- Phase 2: Site construction is underway for 104 single-family homes.
- Phase 3: A sketch plat is under review for 75 single-family homes.
- Amenity Center: Site plans are under review for a 3,678-square-foot neighborhood amenity center including a pool, dog park, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and a playground.



Millwright Apartments



Site plans have been issued for a phased multi-family project consisting of 255 multi-family units in two buildings for Phase 1, and 233 multi-family units in two buildings for Phase 2, located at the corner of Columbia Boulevard and Challenger Memorial Parkway.

Odyssey Ridge Townhomes



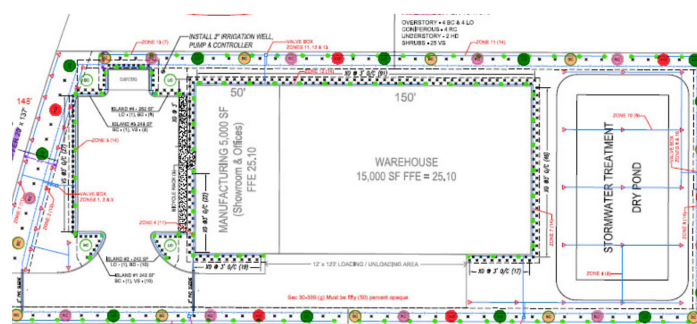
Site construction is underway for 91 townhomes along Sisson Road, south of Margie Drive.

Titusville Resort & Destination



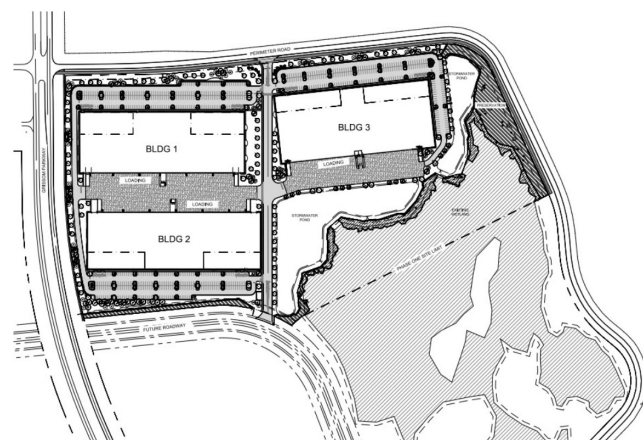
A site permit has been issued for a mixed-use development at the former Searstown Mall at 3550 S. Washington Avenue.

Olympian LED



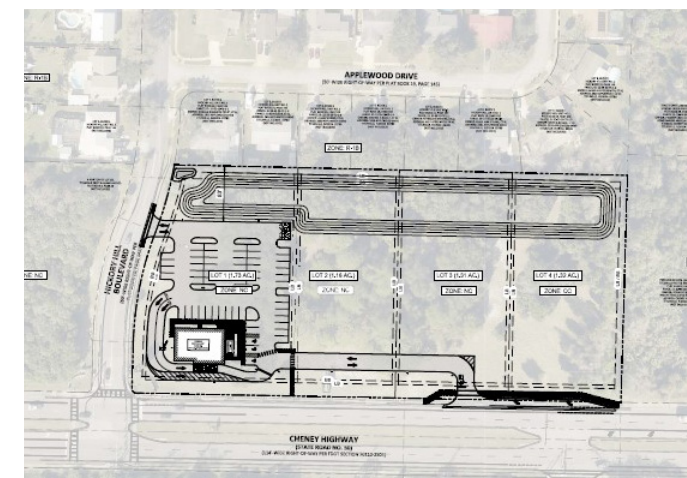
A site plan is under review for a 20,000-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse building to be located along Armstrong Drive.

Space Coast Innovation Park



A site plan has been approved for three industrial buildings consisting of 639,040 total square feet.

Panera

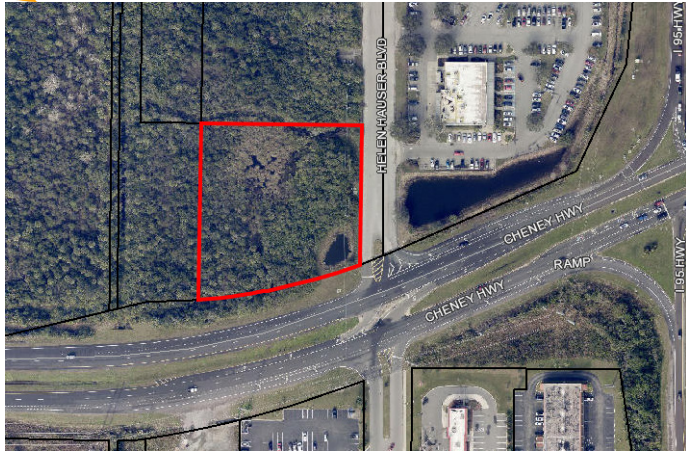


A site plan is under review for a 3,850-square-foot drive-thru restaurant to be located at 2798 Cheney Highway.

Independence Recycling



A site plan is under review for a concrete recycling facility at 84 Golden Knights Blvd.



A site plan is under review to construct a 6,008-square-foot convenience store with gas nozzles next to Cracker Barrel.

TRG Self Storage



Site construction is underway for a 51,470-square-foot self-storage building, as well as covered outdoor RV storage.

Titusville Storage



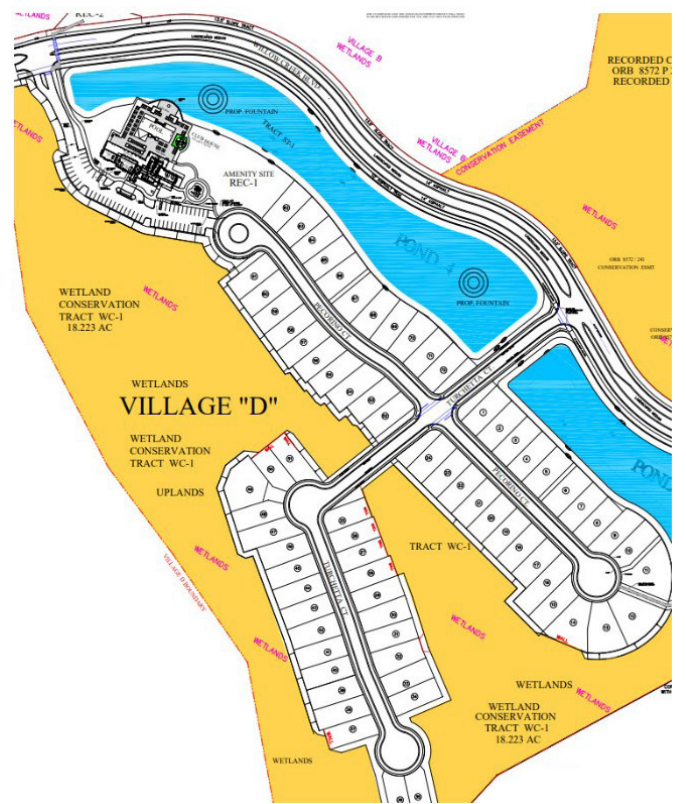
A site plan is under review for a 120,820-square-foot two-story self-storage building.

TRU Hotel



A site plan is under review for a 12,423-square-foot hotel to be located on the north end of Helen Hauser Boulevard.

Verona



A sketch plat is under review for 126 new townhomes at Verona Village E. Construction continues on villages A, B, C, and D elsewhere on the property.

Miracle City Market

A Community Market in Titusville

Miracle City Market began with 3 friends wishing there was a regular, local market in our community. What started as casual conversations since 2023 quickly grew into action and in May of 2024, Miracle City Market was born. The name "Miracle City Market" was chosen to honor the city's legacy as "The Miracle City," a nickname earned during the space race era when Titusville thrived alongside NASA's groundbreaking achievements. Our mission is straightforward: to create a dependable, welcoming space where local artisans, businesses, and community members can come together to share, support, and celebrate one another. Regular markets not only strengthen local ties but also inspire a sense of pride in our unique corner of the world.

"We are endlessly grateful for the overwhelming support and encouragement we've received from the community. Every kind word, enthusiastic attendee, and hardworking vendor fuels our passion to continue to grow Miracle City Market into something even greater. Thank you for being part of this journey and we look forward to seeing you at the next Miracle City Market!" - Allison, Kelly, and Lily

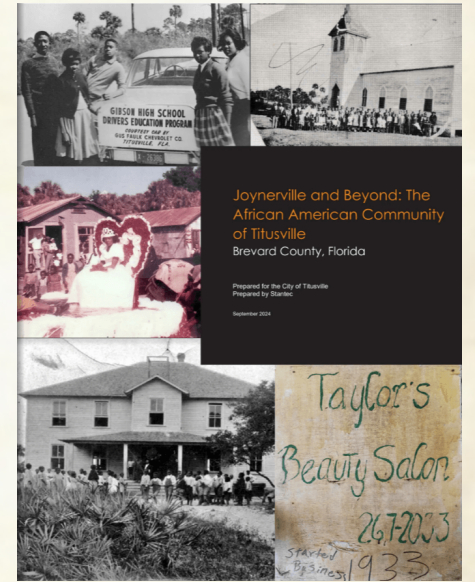


JOYNERVILLE & BEYOND

The final report for Joynerville and Beyond: The African American Community of Titusville has been published!

The project involves the comprehensive research/documentation of the history, events, and landmarks within the City's Historic African American Neighborhood and lost commercial district. Deliverables include a report, narrative for future interpretive signs/historic markers, branding, recording of oral histories, construction of a community timeline, mapping of historic sites, and uploading information on the contributing structures to the City's history webpage and the "Explore Historic Titusville FL" mobile app.

To read the report or learn more, visit Titusville.com/Joynerville



Titusville Needs City Residents

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

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Board of Adjustments and Appeals
- Board of Trustees of the General Employees' Pension Plan
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- Historic Preservation Board
- North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation
- North Brevard County Hospital District Board
- North Brevard Economic Development Zone Dependent Special District Board
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Titusville Environmental Commission
- Titusville Housing Authority

The City of Titusville has a variety of boards, committees, and commissions that discuss and make important recommendations or undertake special activities specific to the purpose of each board. The City's boards and volunteer board members serve a critical role to the community and the function of city government.

For more information, please contact the Titusville City Clerk's Office at 321-567-3686.

ROAD WORK

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is milling and resurfacing South Street (State Road 405) from south of Bobbi Lane to north of Swan Lake Drive to extend the life of the roadway. Pedestrian safety improvements include replacing the existing 6-foot-wide sidewalk with an 8-foot-wide path along the west side of South Street, which will extend the existing 8-foot-wide path from Fox Lake Road to North of Swan Lake Drive. A new 6-foot-wide sidewalk will also be constructed along the east side of South Street from Fox Lake Road to North of Joe Murell Drive.

Other improvements include upgrades to intersection lighting, improved crosswalks with median refuge areas, upgraded transit stops, and minor widening at turn lanes to provide bicycle through lanes. Additionally, the project plans to help encourage safer driving speeds by introducing small curves in the road, reducing lane widths, adding raised medians, and replacing the two-way-left-turn lanes with dedicated left turn lanes and spot medians throughout the corridor. The raised medians will not impact access to any side streets or driveways.



SpaceTEC Finds Rare Brevard Industrial Vacancy for New Skills Training Program

By J.C. Carnahan – Staff Writer, Orlando Business Journal
Dec 2, 2024

SpaceTEC Partners Inc. had already secured funding to bring its one-of-a-kind Aerospace & Defense Training Center to the Space Coast. All it needed was a physical place to call home, which it found at Inter-Tech Business Park in Titusville following a lengthy search.

Vacant industrial lots are hard to come by in Brevard County, according to Rocket City Commercialbrokers Holly Carver and Lisa Earnhardt, who assisted in negotiating the five-year lease agreement at 1415 Chaffee Dr.

"This is the fourth facility we looked at, and thank goodness we found Holly and Lisa, because they put us in a facility that has very minimal renovation costs to get it up and running," said SpaceTEC executive director Steve Kane in an interview with Orlando Business Journal.

"We were struggling [to find a place]," he said. "Our funding from the state of Florida had a date where it was going to run out and we had to get a facility and design for it."

SpaceTEC received a Florida commerce grant in 2023 and additional incentives from the North Brevard Economic Development Zone that helped get the idea off the ground. But there's plenty more to be done when it comes to federal fundraising and creating a jobs placement pipeline with local businesses.

The new school will certify recent high school graduates, participants in the Operation New Hopecriminal justice reentry program and current workers looking to up-skill in manufacturing essentials, CNC machining, advanced composites, aerospace cybersecurity and more.

While the accelerated skills training program is already underway at borrowed spaces in Brevard County, SpaceTEC is targeting the end of the first quarter in 2025 to open its doors at the new 7,200-square foot location that neighbors office and educational properties dedicated to supporting the aviation and aerospace industries.

Rocket City Commercial's Lisa Earnhardt, left, and Holly Carver are involved in every sector of commercial real estate.

"Since COVID, warehouse space has become such a hot commodity," Earnhardt said. "We get calls all the time for it. We worked with a company for over six months that had a 20-foot ceiling requirement, and we just could not find them anything and they wound up outsourcing [out of state] because they couldn't wait for something to get built."

Leasing costs were not disclosed, but Carver noted prices "are almost double what they were five years ago for an industrial rate."

Kane said the cost of the building, owned by former tenant Inter-Tech Management out of Vero Beach, "is almost double" what SpaceTEC had initially budgeted.

"it's almost the 'Holy Grail' with higher ceilings, roll-up doors and it being properly zoned in an industrial park," Carver said of the location. "There's less than 4% vacancy rate for industrial property in probably the whole county, but even less than that in north Brevard. There's just not a lot of space available."

Ride It DOWN

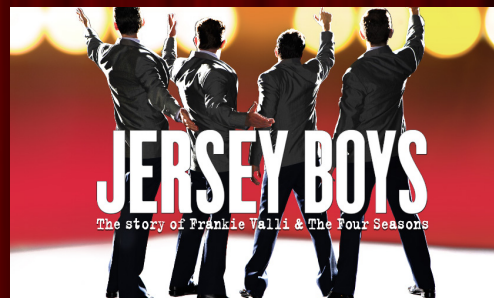
Annual Ride In Titusville

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JERSEY BOYS Jan. 10 – Feb. 23, 2025 | RATED PG-13

They had a look, an attitude, and a sound like no other. Sure, they were born in Jersey. But they were made in America. Who knew four guys from New Jersey would turn the world upside down? With a unique sound that nobody had heard, but the radio couldn't get enough of, Jersey Boys is the Tony® Award-winning true-life musical of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. While their harmonies were perfect on stage, their offstage relationships were a different story. #jerseyboys



WAITRESS Mar. 14 – Apr. 20, 2025 | RATED PG-13

Sara Bareilles' uplifting and inspiring musical celebrating friendship, motherhood, and the magic of a well-made pie. Waitress features original music and lyrics by six-time Grammy nominee Sara Bareilles ("Brave," "Love Song"), and a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson. Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker, is stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. Faced with an unexpected pregnancy, Jenna fears she may have to abandon the dream of opening her own pie shop...until a baking contest in a nearby county and the town's handsome new doctor offer her a tempting recipe for happiness. Supported by her quirky crew of fellow waitresses and loyal customers, Jenna summons the secret ingredient she's been missing all along — courage. #waitress

Altar Boyz May 2 – 25, 2025 | Rated PG

Hailed as "high-octane entertainment" (Talkin' Broadway), Altar Boyz tells the holy inspiring story of 5 small-town boys – Matthew, Mark, Luke, Juan and Abraham – trying to save the world one screaming fan at a time. Their pious pop act about a fictitious Christian boy band on the last night of their national "Raise the Praise" tour. With angelic voices, sinfully spectacular dancing and a touching story, Altar Boyz is destined to rock the masses of all denominations! #altarboyz



Jimmy Buffett's Escape To Margaritaville

Jan. 31 – Feb. 21, 2025 | Rated PG-13

RETURNING To the TITUSVILLE PLAYHOUSE STAGE this amazing hit is a musical comedy featuring the most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics, including "Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Margaritaville," "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," "Fins," "Volcano," and many more. With a book by Emmy Award winner Greg Garcia ("My Name is Earl," "Raising Hope") and Emmy nominee Mike O'Malley ("Survivor's Remorse," "Shameless"), this hilarious, heartwarming musical is the party you've been waiting for! #margaritaville



The 39 Steps Apr. 4 – 20, 2025 | Rated PG

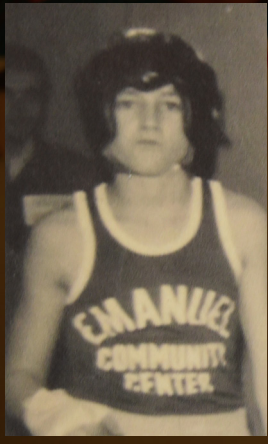
Combine a film masterpiece by Alfred Hitchcock with a juicy spy novel and add a large splash of Monty Python humor. The result? A fast-paced, hilarious whodunit with versatile actors portraying more than 50 roles! London, 1935. The rather dull Richard Hannay encounters a woman who claims to be a spy. When she is suddenly murdered, Richard finds himself the focus of a nationwide manhunt led by a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps." This play is a hilarious comedy full of dazzling, inventive stagecraft and virtuoso performances that will have you rolling in the aisles until the death-defying, climatic finale. #39steps



HEART OF A FIGHTER



In 1971, 11-year-old Greg Devlin of Titusville stepped into the Emanuel Community Center boxing ring for the first time to face “The Monk,” a fearsome young opponent with a daunting reputation. Despite his father’s offer to back out, Greg, the grandson of 1930s flyweight boxing legend Johnny Devlin, was determined to fight.



The first round was brutal. The Monk’s relentless assault left Greg bleeding and battered, staggering to his corner as his father asked if he wanted to stop. But Greg’s resolve hardened. In the second round, he came out swinging, driving The Monk into the ropes with sheer determination.

The fight was stopped unexpectedly—not for Greg’s opponent’s dominance but because of Greg’s own blood loss. Though officially a loss, Greg’s unshakable grit and fighting spirit will be a theme throughout his life.

Titan II Missile Incident

On September 18, 1980, 21-year-old Greg Devlin, an airman in the U.S. Air Force, unknowingly found himself at the center of one of the most tragic incidents involving a nuclear weapon in U.S. history.

At approximately 6:30 PM, a crew at Titan II Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launch complex 374-7 was performing routine maintenance to check the pressure on the oxidizer tank of the missile. Two airmen from the Propellant Transfer Systems (PTS) team were stationed on a platform 80 feet above the silo floor, working with a ratchet wrench to remove a nozzle connected to the missile. Unfortunately, a faulty pin on the wrench failed to hold the socket securely in place. The socket slipped free, fell the length of the silo, and struck the missile’s side. The impact punctured the missile’s skin, causing the highly toxic Aerozine 50 fuel to leak into the silo.

The crew immediately evacuated the launch control center, and a response team was dispatched to address the crisis. Among the responders was Greg Devlin. The situation was dire—there were fears that the rocket might collapse, potentially resulting in a catastrophic explosion. The Vice Commander of the Strategic Air Command gave the responders the option to volunteer for an extremely dangerous task: entering the silo to assess the damage. Driven by duty, several men, including Greg, stepped forward.

Greg and another airman began the perilous descent into the silo. First, they had to break through the facility’s external door. Using basic tools, they forced open the stairwell access and then tackled another gate,

which proved somewhat easier to penetrate. Finally, they reached a room sealed by a massive blast door. Lacking specialized equipment, Greg and his partner manually wrenched the hydraulic pump to activate the locking mechanism for the door. After struggling with it for some time, their air supply began running dangerously low, and they were ordered to retreat to the surface.

Next, Sergeants David Livingston and Jeff Kennedy were sent into the silo. As they entered, vapor detectors revealed that the atmosphere had become highly explosive. They were ordered back to the surface but soon received another command: to re-enter the silo and activate an exhaust fan.



While waiting near the gate, partially suited in his hazmat gear, Greg suddenly heard the missile explode.

The blast hurled Greg 60 feet through the air. He landed on his back and slid across the ground, stunned. As he regained his senses, massive chunks of concrete and steel began raining down. Greg later described hearing what he believed to be the voice of a guardian angel screaming, “Run!” Despite his injuries, he managed to scramble to his feet and flee. However, a large piece of concrete reinforced with rebar struck him, shattering his ankle. Greg sustained severe burns to his face, neck, back, and hands, and his eardrum ruptured.

Of the 22 men near the silo, 21 were injured, and Sergeant David Livingston tragically lost his life.

Greg and several men involved in the incident received the Airman’s Metal for Heroism.

Greg fought through a painful recovery in the hospital but remained in the Air Force, serving the remainder of his four-year enlistment, and continues to endure surgeries to this day related to the Titan II incident.

NASA and Beyond

In the 1980s, the Space Shuttle program was in full swing, and NASA was in need of a fuel specialist. After completing his service in the Air Force, Greg was looking for a new direction. His expertise in rocket fuels made him an ideal candidate. Together with his high school sweetheart—now his wife—he relocated to Florida, where he began working for NASA in Life Support Operations. Greg and a team of technicians were responsible for the launch, landing, and fueling operations at the Kennedy Space Center and Canaveral Air Force Station. One of the most exciting parts of Greg’s job was meeting and securing the returning space shuttle.

However, on January 28, 1986, tragedy struck. The Space Shuttle Challenger’s STS-51L mission ended in disaster just 73 seconds after liftoff. A failed O-ring in one of the boosters led to a catastrophic fuel leak and explosion, resulting in the loss of the orbiter and all seven crew members on board. The incident devastated NASA and the nation, and the shuttle program was suspended. Greg, along with many others, was laid off.

With a growing family and bills to pay, Greg had to get creative. Though knocked down, he wasn’t out.



Determined to support his family, Greg ventured into the tree transplanting business. He purchased a truck outfitted with a tree spade, which allowed him to uproot trees and replant them elsewhere. Greg and his crew offered a unique guarantee: if the transplanted tree died within a year, they would replace it at no extra cost.

One morning, as Greg rushed out the door, he unknowingly put on two pairs of sunglasses—one on his face and another on top of his head. When a crew member pointed it out, Greg felt a mix of embarrassment and inspiration. That moment sparked a new idea: a backup pair of glasses, cleverly called “Back-Ups.”

With his entrepreneurial spirit in full gear, Greg developed a double lanyard with Velcro to hold the extra pair of sunglasses. He branded the product as Back-Ups and envisioned it as a quirky, fun accessory that reflected the individuality of the 1980s. Greg launched an ad campaign in national magazines and sponsored local bikini contests in Cocoa Beach to promote the brand. The business soon expanded, with a growing line of products under the Back-Ups name.

To draw attention to the brand, Greg created a unique marketing prop: a carved tiki statue wearing oversized sunglasses, displayed prominently in the front yard of his Titusville home. The brightly painted tiki became a local attraction, with passersby stopping to take pictures alongside it.

The tiki’s popularity gave Greg yet another idea: a non-violent children’s series inspired by the whimsical tiki in his yard. What began as a small marketing gimmick was now transforming into the foundation of a new creative endeavor.

Greg’s journey—from NASA to entrepreneurship—showed his resilience, creativity, and determination to turn setbacks into opportunities.



Neon Tiki Tribe

As the 1990s began, Greg found himself inspired by a new idea: the Neon Tiki Tribe. He envisioned a non-violent action hero series that could stand apart from the increasingly violent superhero genre of the time. The cast of heroes included Zeke (the leader), Tia (the smartest), Dar (the fastest), and Mowah (the strongest).

Motivated to create something meaningful, Greg reached out to educators, schools, and hospitals, aiming to inspire and educate children about real-world challenges. With the support of family and friends, he raised enough funds to launch a book and produce a video introducing the Neon Tiki Tribe.

Before long, the Neon Tiki Tribe expanded into merchandise. Brightly colored plush toys of the characters, complete with their signature Back-Up sunglasses, hit the shelves at Walmart and other stores. Alongside



the toys, Greg and the Neon Tiki Tribe team embarked on a nationwide journey, visiting schools and hospitals to help children navigate the challenges they faced. They encouraged kids to “Think T.I.K.I.” — to be Thoughtful, Intelligent, Kind Individuals.

Over the years, Greg continued to refine and expand the Neon Tiki Tribe. Recognizing the potential for a fresh approach, he partnered with a collaborator to give the Tikis a makeover. They simplified the character designs, streamlined the color palette, and brought in a new team of writers, an educational consultant, and doctors to ensure the stories were both engaging and informative.



Today, the Neon Tiki Tribe has grown into a 10-book series, covering important topics such as environmental responsibility, honesty, bullying, perseverance, stranger danger, sportsmanship, fire safety, internet safety, self-image, and literacy.

Throughout his journey, Greg has demonstrated resilience and an unshakable spirit. Much like a boxer facing round after round in the ring, he has tackled life’s challenges with tenacity, positivity, and hope. In both life and boxing, true strength lies not just in winning but in enduring, learning, and growing stronger with every challenge.



Avenue of Flags

Honoring Titusville's Service Men and Women

The Avenue of Flags along U.S. Highway 1 is a tribute to the veterans who served and defended America in times of peace and war. Organized by the Titusville Flag & Memorial Committee, this patriotic display stretches from State Road 50 to Parrish Medical Center. The Avenue of Flags serves as a patriotic reminder of the service of our veterans.

History of the Avenue of Flags

Launched in 1976, the Avenue of Flags originally featured over 200 American flags displayed along both the northbound and southbound lanes of U.S. 1. In 2014, the number of flags was reduced to approximately 100. This community-funded project relies on donations and local fundraising efforts to cover the costs of purchasing, maintaining, and replacing the flags.



Flag Etiquette

Proper display of the American flag is a key element of the project. Flags flown along roadways must adhere to specific protocols:

- North-South roadways: The stars (Union) should face east.
- East-West roadways: The stars should face north.

In 2014, a challenge arose regarding flags mounted at an angle on light poles. To ensure compliance with flag protocol, the city adjusted to one vertically displayed flag per pole, secured with brackets at the top and bottom.

The Titusville Flag & Memorial Committee

This dedicated group, comprised of representatives from civic, fraternal, and veteran organizations, manages the Avenue of Flags and other patriotic events. The committee meets monthly at the American Space Museum and organizes key ceremonies such as Flag Day, the Astronaut Memorial, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day.

Current Members:

- Mark Marquette (Chairman, American Space Museum)
- Carol Pedersen (Vice Chairwoman, Pilot Club of Titusville/Betsy Ross)
- Al Therriault (Knights of Columbus)
- Carrie Fuller (American Legion Unit Number 1 Auxiliary)
- Alfonso Gutierrez (Disabled American Veterans 109)
- Tommy Northcutt (American Legion Post Number 1)
- Tom Patton (Disabled American Veterans 109)
- Barbara Rathborne (Valiant Air Command)
- Bob Swink (Elk's Lodge Number 2113)

Veteran's Park Memorial Bricks

The committee also oversees the Veteran's Park Memorial Brick Program, allowing community members to honor loved ones or veterans by purchasing memorial bricks. These bricks are placed at the Veteran's Park Memorial as a lasting tribute.



How to Support the Avenue of Flags

Community support is vital for sustaining the Avenue of Flags. Donations can be sent to:

Flag and Memorial Committee
Attn: Avenue of Flags
P.O. Box 2806
Titusville, FL 32781-2806

For more information or to contribute, contact Gail Gilchrist at 321-567-3846



CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF

A look at the Valiant Air Command's New Events Center

Artist rendering of the Valiant Air Command's new event hangar.

The Valiant Air Command Warbird Air Museum, located at the Space Coast Executive Airport in Titusville, has announced the construction of a new event hangar, marking a significant expansion of its facilities and creating exciting opportunities for the region. Adjacent to the museum's existing facility, the state-of-the-art hangar will cover approximately 20,000 square feet and include climate-controlled accommodations.

David Shores, the PR and Marketing Director of the Warbird Air Museum, stated that the project is expected to be completed by March 2025. Designed to host up to 400 guests, the new facility will offer a unique and comfortable setting for various events, surrounded by the museum's historic aircraft and aviation exhibits.

"This new space will provide an extraordinary atmosphere for large gatherings and special events," Shores remarked.

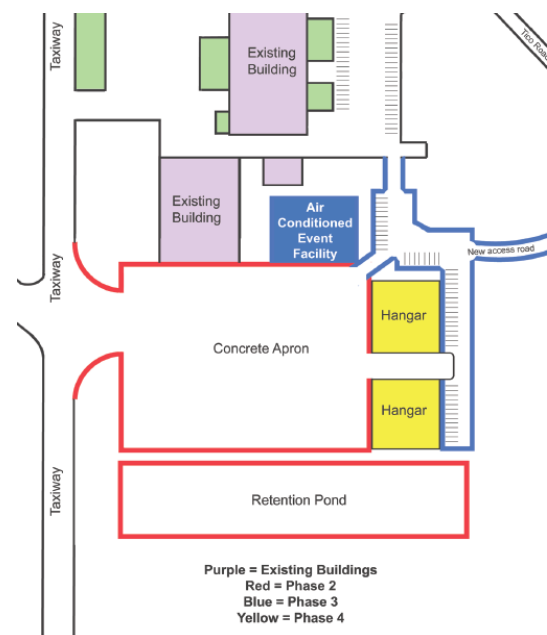
The \$3.5 million project is being led by AMAC Building Professionals of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Funding for the initiative comes from donations, the museum's budget, and significant contributions from Brevard County and the North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ).

In addition to hosting events, the facility will serve as the home of the World Innovation Network's Space-Base Accelerator. This program, directed by WIN's CEO and Executive Director Robert Katz, is dedicated to accelerating the growth of space technology startups.

"We're proud to establish the first space accelerator in Florida and the first ever located within a spaceport worldwide," Katz explained. The Space-Base Accelerator will focus on supporting and advancing space-tech startups by providing access to resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities within the space industry ecosystem. Acting as a hub for innovation, the accelerator will connect entrepreneurs, scientists, and investors. "We're excited to be partnering with the amazing Valiant Air Command on this," Katz added.



Former Titusville Mayor Dan Diesel helps break ground for the VAC's new event hangar at a ceremony on November 18, 2024, at the Space Coast Executive Airport.



With this multi-purpose facility, the Valiant Air Command Warbird Air Museum not only solidifies its role as a cultural and historical landmark but also positions itself as a key player in fostering technological advancements in the expanding space industry.

For more information about the project and the museum's ongoing initiatives, visit ValiantAirCommand.com.

Supremacy Of The Seas



Utopia of the Seas, a new cruise ship sailing out of Port Canaveral and the second largest cruise ship in the world.

Port Canaveral And Miami Battle for the Title of Busiest Cruise Port in the World

Port Canaveral and Port Miami are duking it out for the title of busiest cruise port in the world, with each shattering records over their previous fiscal year statistics.

In FY 2024, Port Canaveral processed over 7.6 million passengers, a whopping 12% increase over the previous fiscal year. This increase is even more significant when compared to previous years, representing a 69% increase over traffic from 2018, in which the port was named Best Cruise Port by Global Traveler.

“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.

Port Miami also saw record-breaking growth in 2024. With over 8.2 million passengers boarding vessels out of the port, Miami has seen an increase of 12.8% over the previous year, narrowly beating out Port Canaveral to become the busiest cruise port in the world.

“PortMiami continues to break records and uphold its status as the Cruise Capital of the World®. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the entire PortMiami team and our valued cruise line partners on reaching this extraordinary achievement,” said Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. “PortMiami has not only transformed our iconic skyline and bolstered our economy, but its ongoing commitment to creating more sustainable development ensures that our port remains a

forward-thinking, future-ready gateway to the world.”

Despite partial and complete shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, business for the cruise lines docking out of these ports has surged once again. Along with increased traffic to the ships currently sailing out of port, several cruise lines have big plans in the works to expand their presence.

MSC Cruises is currently preparing to open their new Cruise Terminal AA in Port Miami, which will be the largest cruise terminal in the world upon completion. They’re also bringing along the MSC World America, a 6,700-passenger ship.

Meanwhile, Royal Caribbean is preparing to begin work on



Port Miami



Artist rendering of the new Cruise Terminal AA.

Terminal G, which will be demolished to make room for a brand new terminal with parking space.

Back at Port Canaveral, Royal Caribbean’s *Utopia of the Seas* recently completed her maiden voyage back in July. *Utopia of the Seas* is now the second largest cruise ship in the world; the third largest cruise ship, *Wonder of the Seas*, also sails out of Port Canaveral. The two are beaten out only by *Icon of the Seas*, which sails out of - you guessed it - Port Miami.

Disney’s brand new ship, the Disney Treasure, made headlines in November when it arrived at Port Canaveral after rescuing four people stranded on a sinking boat off the coast of Bermuda. After assisting the Coast Guard in the rescue, the ship proceeded to Port Canaveral, making its maiden voyage in December. The winter season also saw the arrival of two new ships to Canaveral: the Celebrity Equinox and the Caribbean Princess.

The two ports are also a boon for the local economy. Cruise lines were estimated to bring in \$2 Billion in tourism expenditures for Central Florida in 2023. Port Canaveral supported direct employment of 17,038 regional residents, paying \$759.8 Million in annual wages. They are also responsible for \$189.5 million in state and local tax revenues paid statewide.

Initiatives are also taking place to ensure that these ports remain environmentally responsible as well. In June, Port Miami launched one of the most transformative projects in their history; shore power. Shore power allows cruise ships to turn off their engines and plug into landside electrical power while docked, resulting in reduced emissions and noise. A partnership between Miami-Dade County, Carnival Corporation & plc, MSC Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings, Royal Caribbean Group, Virgin Voyages, and Florida Power & Light Company, PortMiami is the first major cruise port on the U.S. eastern seaboard that will offer shore power capability at five cruise berths. Port Canaveral was



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

recently recertified with their Green Marine Environmental Certification, a voluntary initiative for ports worldwide which is recognized globally as the benchmark of best practices and achievement of environmental performance excellence.

Work also continues to bring the Port Canaveral Aquarium project to life, newly named The Bowen Aquarium. Headed up by Brevard Zoo, the aquarium aims to draw approximately 525,000 annual visitors, fostering an economic impact of nearly \$85.5 million for the local area. Furthermore, the project is expected to generate around 100 full-time jobs, complementing the existing workforce at Brevard Zoo. The thematic focus of the Port Canaveral Aquarium will center on the natural waterways of the region, notably the Indian River Lagoon and the St. Johns River. Comprising both indoor and outdoor exhibits, the aquarium seeks to immerse visitors in the realms of science, adventure, and exploration, while also delving into the region’s rich history, encompassing space exploration, sport fishing, the shrimping industry, and the allure of its pristine natural beaches. “We’re very excited for the future,” said Capt. John Murray at November 2023’s State of the Port address. “We have some great assets coming online in the next few years and a lot of surprises for the business as a whole.”

“I am grateful to our cruise lines for their ongoing partnership and this record-breaking year,” said Hydi Webb, Director and CEO, PortMiami. “I want to thank Mayor Cava, the Board of County Commissioners and our cruise partners for their unwavering support to ensure PortMiami is the departure choice for cruise passengers.”



Concept art of the Bowen Aquarium under development at Port Canaveral.

On December 18, 2024, Carnival Cruise Line added a fifth ship, the Carnival Venezia, setting a record for ships based at Port Canaveral. For more information on either of these world-class ports, visit PortCanaveral.com or MiamiDade.gov/PortMiami.

Top 5 Cruise Ports in the World*

- Port Miami
- Port Canaveral
- Port Everglades
- Port Barcelona
- Port Civitavecchia

*This data changes frequently and is only an estimation as of December 2024

Meet Your New City Council!



Mayor Connors

Andrew Connors • Mayor • Current Term: 2024 – 2028

Andrew Connors, a devoted family man, accomplished professional, and esteemed community leader, has been elected Mayor of Titusville. With a steadfast commitment to the well-being of his family and community, Mr. Connors brings a wealth of experience, a proven track record of leadership, and a fresh voice to the City Council.

As Mayor of Titusville, Andrew Connors pledges to bring his passion for service, leadership experience, and dedication to collaborative problem-solving to the forefront of local governance. Guided by his vision for a thriving Titusville, Mr. Connors seeks to build upon the city's strengths and address the needs of all residents.

Andrew Connors' journey is one rooted in service and dedication. After graduating from Bowling Green State University with a degree in Gerontology and a minor in Business, Connors began his career as a licensed nursing home administrator. During his time as the Executive Director of a long-term care facility, Mr. Connors garnered invaluable experience in healthcare management, honed his leadership skills, and developed a passion for delivering high-quality care to one of our nation's most vulnerable populations, our seniors. Mr. Connors possesses a deep understanding of healthcare operations and high-quality patient care, which shaped his approach to putting people first.

Eventually, Mr. Connors transitioned to the insurance sector as a benefits consultant, where he currently serves as President of Atlantic Enrollment Solutions. For over a decade, Connors has assisted clients with delivering comprehensive and competitive employee benefit packages, while simultaneously maximizing their bottom line through innovative strategies.

Outside of his professional endeavors, Mr. Connors is deeply involved in the Titusville community. As a devoted husband to Kelsey Connors and a father to two sons, Jameson and Jackson, Mr. Connors understands the importance of family values and community engagement. Mr. Connors is a coach at Titusville Soccer Club, member of South Lake PTO and North Brevard Rotary, exemplifying his commitment to youth development and sportsmanship.

Furthermore, Mr. Connors' community involvement extends to various leadership roles. That includes serving as Chair of the Board of Directors for the YMCA in Titusville and North Brevard Commission of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Connors also serves as a board member with the Titusville Chamber of Commerce. Along with the chamber, Mr. Connors created the Council of Nonprofits which he leads. His tireless efforts to address the concerns of the community are evident through the establishment of the North Brevard Healthcare Consortium, aimed at improving healthcare outcomes and reducing costs for employers and employees alike. Mr. Connors' dedication to philanthropy is evident through his volunteer work. With The Children's Advocacy Center of Brevard, Mr. Connors raised \$25,000 for their annual James Bond event and is an Ambassador Circle donor. Mr. Connors was one of the major fundraisers for the Women's Center of Brevard boots and bandit's event. With the YMCA, Mr. Connors was the driving force behind the North Brevard Prayer Breakfast which raised \$20,000 and brought the community together in prayer. His service was recognized by the City of Titusville as the 2024 Titusville Community Service Award recipient. Mr. Connors has also been recognized by Lead Brevard as a top 12 finalist for their "4 under 40" Award.

Recognized for his unwavering commitment to his family, clients, and community, Andrew Connors is a respected leader in both his industry and local area. His tireless efforts to address the concerns of the community go beyond just a position, but a way of life for him.

Herman A. Cole, Jr., Col USAF, Retired • Vice Mayor Current Term: 2022 – 2026

Herman Cole was born in Charleston, South Carolina and is a graduate of Tuskegee University with a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Architecture Degrees.

He is a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran, having served 26 years in the United States Air Force (USAF) and retiring in 1994 at the rank of Full Colonel.

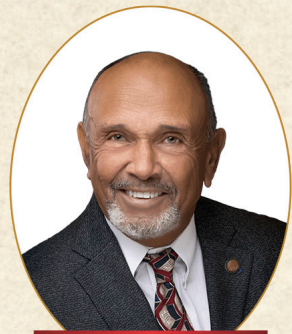
His military assignments have taken him all over the globe from Vietnam to England, Japan to Saudi Arabia, California, Georgia, Ohio, and Florida. During his military service, Colonel Cole's responsibilities ranged from Combat Engineer/Convoy Commander in Vietnam to managing \$3 billion dollars in construction projects in Saudi Arabia.

His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, six Meritorious Service Medals, Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and numerous others. He is a graduate of Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff, and Air War College. When he retired from the military in 1994, he became Vice President Engineering and Facilities and Visiting Professor in Engineering, the University of Dayton.

Herman is an elected official and serves on numerous community

and civic boards, and has received numerous awards:

Elected to the Titusville City Council, Nov 2022; Past President and member of the Titusville Rotary (20 years). In 2017, he saw a need for an evening Rotary club and spearheaded the charter for the North Brevard Rotary Club; Past Chairman (8 Years) of the Board of Directors of Parrish Medical Center where he has served leadership positions for the last 24 years; Member of the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Board of Directors; Past Chairman, Vice -Chair and member of the Titusville YMCA Board of Directors; Founder and President, of the "Humanity Task Force for Social Change"; Past President and member of the Host of Brevard; Past Member of the Titusville Planning and Zoning Board; 2013 selected as Space Coast Medicine and Active Living Humanitarian of the Year; 2015 received the Ambassador Award by the Doctor's Goodwill



Vice Mayor Cole

Foundation; 2016 inducted as a Charter Member of the Tuskegee University Military Hall of Fame; 2018 inducted into the Space Coast Public Hall of Fame.

He and his wife Joyce have been married for 59 years; she is

also a Tuskegee graduate. They have two sons Alex, retired USAF Lt. Col, presently a United Airlines Pilot (Captain), and Chris, owner/agent of an Independent Insurance Agency, and seven grandchildren.



Member Stoeckel

Dr. Sarah Stoeckel • Seat 2 • Current Term: 2024 – 2028

Dr. Sarah Stoeckel has been a resident of Titusville for over 30 years and welcomes the opportunity to demonstrate her commitment and passion for being involved in the community she calls home. Be it serving in leadership roles within the Florida League of Cities and Space Coast League of Cities, mentoring current college students, serving in leadership roles at Eastern Florida State College, connecting

young elected officials throughout the state, teaching Sunday School to junior high students or serving as a youth group leader, Sarah welcomes the opportunity to engage, enhance, and empower those around her.

Currently, Sarah works at Eastern Florida State College as the Director of Institutional Effectiveness, as well as teaching courses in public administration, nonprofit, and government. In this position

she ensures the success of the college while also continuing to demonstrate her commitment to education by completing several degrees, with emphasis on public administration and government. Most of her research focuses on intra-government collaboration and increasing transparency using social media and intentional citizen participation practices.

Sarah has a passion for leading and building relationships. She has been a home rule hero with the Florida League of Cities four times and a recipient of Lead Brevard 4 under 40 award. She is also the founder and chair of the Florida League of Cities Young Elected Municipal Officials and currently serves on the Florida League of Cities Board and the Treasurer for Space Coast League of Cities. Sarah has a heart for people and enjoys making a positive impact in the lives around her, all while staying true to the vision of prosperity and success she maintains for our community.

Megan Moscoso • Seat 3 • Current Term: 2024 - 2028

Megan Moscoso is a proud fourth-generation Florida native with deep roots on the Space Coast. Growing up in Florida, Megan developed a love for nature and is dedicated to preserving the essence of "Old Florida."

A graduate of the University of Central Florida, Megan is currently pursuing her master's degree in Nonprofit Management at UCF—Go Knights! Her career spans years as an educator and, more recently, work in nonprofits focused on homelessness prevention through job training and coaching.

Megan is married to Cristian, a local pastor, and together they have lived and worked in Guatemala and Malaysia. During her time in Malaysia, Megan had opportunities to work closely with many refugees from around the world.

They are parents to two wonderful children, Thiago and Norah, and have also fostered nine children, further fueling Megan's

passion for strengthening families in Titusville.

Megan has served on Titusville's Planning and Zoning Commission and on the board of Bethany Christian Services, where she advocated for families in crisis. She is also an active Rotarian, committed to community service.

Representing the residents of Titusville is a tremendous honor for Megan, and she looks forward to serving with transparency and integrity.



Member Moscoso

Jo Lynn Nelson • Seat 5 • Current Term: 2022 – 2026

Jo Lynn is a native of Titusville and North Brevard. She is the descendant of area pioneers. Her father, Roy Roberts, was a respected citrus grower, and a land developer whose work included Royal Oak, Sherwood and downtown Titusville. He was an early member of the Rotary Club, and led the charge to build Rotary Park. Her grandparents were homesteaders on north Merritt Island before the bridge over the Indian River to Titusville. In the early days, to earn extra money, her grandfather ran for, and was elected Sheriff of Brevard

County. Those were the wild days of Prohibition when many of the locals were in the business of making moonshine. At the time, there were a mere five deputies to patrol the county. According to family history, he stopped the famous Chicago gangster, Al Capone, on Park Avenue in Titusville. Her grandmother, Edna Mae Roberts, was the Postmistress of Orsino, a small community of homesteaders, on Merritt Island. Orsino was later absorbed by the Kennedy Space Center. Edna Mae Roberts was one of the first members of the Titusville Art League, and the Garden Club. With these roots, Jo Lynn grew up in a family that emphasized community service and giving back to the community.

Jo Lynn attended the University of Florida where she received a Bachelor's Degree with Honors in Political Science, and attended Stetson University School of Law where she obtained her law degree. After passing the Florida Bar, she was hired as the second



Member Nelson

female attorney by the State Attorney's Office in Brevard County. In the days when a female attorney was a rarity, she later became the first woman to become a supervisor. While working as a full-time prosecutor, she raised two wonderful daughters, Katie, who is an interior designer, and Ashley, who is an executive at a national bank.

Children have always been a priority in Jo Lynn's life. While at the State Attorney's Office, Jo Lynn began working with individuals in the community to help foster children. At the time, the State provided funds for essential items, but there were no funds for sports, band, proms, or even clothing. With the help of the Director of the Guardian Ad Litem Program, Jo Lynn started a group which called itself, Friends of the Children of Brevard County. The group raised these funds, as well as provided holiday parties for the children. She served on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee, and the Florida Bar Juvenile Rules Committee. In order to provide additional services to the youth, Jo Lynn joined a group of individuals to establish a Civil Citation Program and a Juvenile Drug Court.

Jo Lynn also supervised a diversion program for first time offenders while at the State Attorney's Office, which emphasized providing the children with services, to prevent their return to the criminal justice system. With her father's encouragement, Jo Lynn joined the Titusville Sunrise Rotary Club, where she held several offices, which included Treasurer and President, and was voted the Rotarian of the Year. She is again serving as President of the Club. She is continuing her family's commitment to community service. This commitment has led her to become an advocate for the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida and with a group of friends, spearheaded the effort to raise the money to establish a Club in Titusville. After a lengthy renovation, the Titusville Club opened December 2021 where Jo Lynn is an active volunteer.

It has been important to her to balance growth and opportunity for Titusville while protecting the environment. Jolynn has been a promoter of change and prosperity for business and individuals in Titusville. Her commitment to the community is to maintain our community as one in which we can prosper and enjoy for years to come.



PRITCHARD HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17 at 11am - FLORIDA ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
Open to public

January 18 from 10am - 2pm - HERITAGE GARDEN PARTY TOUR
Tour of our Family History Gardens and Rose Gardens with presentation "Vintage Roses" by Barbara Lapradd, Vintage Rose Specialist. Potted Roses & Vintage Items for Sale. Refreshments available.

February 8 from 9am - 4pm - PIONEER DAYS
Visit our information and sales table at Sam's House in Merritt Island.

February 15 at 2pm - VALENTINE AFTERNOON TEA AND TOUR
Join us for an afternoon tea and tour of this historic home. Reservations required with a \$35 donation.

February 22 from 10am - 3pm - HERITAGE ANTIQUE AND COLLECTABLES SALE
Open to the public. Dealers welcome.

Entire Month of March - WOMEN'S VINTAGE CLOTHING EXHIBIT
In celebration of Women's History Month. Reservations required with a \$15 donation.

March 8 at 2pm - WOMEN IN HISTORY AFTERNOON TEA AND TOUR
Join us for an afternoon tea and tour of this historic home featuring our vintage clothing exhibit.

April 5 at 2pm - SPRING FLING AFTERNOON TEA & TOUR
Join us for an afternoon tea and tour of this historic home featuring our vintage clothing exhibit. Reservations required with a \$35 donation.



TITUSVILLE CITY TV INTO THE FUTURE

Titusville City TV is one of the best places to catch city government meetings, PSA's, and public announcements in the City of Titusville. The City has been broadcasting to cable television since the 1990s, when they used 8-track tapes. Over the years, the City has continuously improved their system, expanding to internet livestreaming.

Part of the regularly scheduled content on TitusvilleCityTV is a daily rebroadcast of the Florida Channel, which is broadcast from the state Capitol building in Tallahassee. In order to pick up the Florida Channel signal, the City utilizes a large satellite dish located at the back of city hall. However, this antiquated technology is cumbersome and bulky, urging city staff to make a change.

Back in October, Community Relations worked with helpers from IPTV in order to replace the old, bulky satellite dish with a digital streaming device, allowing a digital signal to come in from the Florida Channel for rebroadcast.

TitusvilleCityTV is available on Spectrum channel 498 and AT&T U-verse channel 99. Content is also streamed to the City's Youtube channel at [Youtube.com/CityOfTitusville](https://www.youtube.com/CityOfTitusville).



City of Titusville Utility Billing Update



The City of Titusville values its customers and has enabled a fee-free method for paying bills online. Customers can pay their bills without incurring a processing fee by using their bank's online bill pay.

Starting January 2, 2025, to help offset the rising costs of payment processing fees, the City of Titusville will implement a transaction fee for all credit/debit cards and ACH/EFT payments.

The fees are charged by Invoice Cloud, City of Titusville's payment processing provider. The City does not profit from the fees. The fees are charged directly to the customers for the convenience of using the payment portal and paying with their selected payment option.

Transaction Fees Effective January 2, 2025:

- Credit Card: 2.75% (minimum \$1.95)
- ACH/EFT: \$0.95
- AutoPay ACH/EFT: \$0.35
- VR Phone Payments: Additional \$0.50 for the above methods

To manage your payment preferences, please log in to your online account.

If you have any questions, please contact us at customerservice@titusville.com or 321-383-5791. For more information, visit <https://www.titusville.com/Faq.aspx?QID=363>

Thank you for your understanding.

City Gets New Monument Signs



In November 2023 City Council awarded a contract to Don Bell Signs to replace two gateway signs within the City. Installation of these two signs was completed in December and are located at the intersections of Garden St & Singleton Ave and SR 50 & Ronald McNair Way. Landscaping will be installed around the signs in the near future.

The new monument signs were constructed to match the updated LED signs located at City Hall, Titusville Fire Headquarters, and the Harry T. Moore Social Services Center, and were designed by the City's Community Relations Department.



THE VALUE OF TREES

TITUSVILLE EARNS 2024 TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION FROM ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

TITUSVILLE, Florida (Dec. 23, 2024) — The Arbor Day Foundation named Titusville a 2024 Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to plant, grow, and maintain trees to benefit its community.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a global nonprofit with a mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. Its network of more than a million supporters and partners has helped the organization plant more than 500 million trees in forests and communities across more than 60 countries since 1972. The Tree City USA program has recognized cities and towns that leverage urban forestry to enhance the livability and sustainability of their local area for over 40 years.

“We all have a role to play in shaping our future and tree champions like Titusville are leading the way,” said Michelle Saulnier, Vice President of Programs at the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees are critical infrastructure, building resiliency and fostering good health in our nation’s cities. We’re proud Titusville is among the Arbor Day Foundation’s growing network of communities dedicated to creating positive impact through trees.”

In cities and neighborhoods, trees are proven to help mitigate the urban heat island effect, reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, and boost mental and physical health. When the right trees are planted in the right places, they can also reduce traffic noise, increase property values, and lower energy costs for homeowners.

“This prestigious designation reflects our city’s commitment to planting, caring for, and celebrating trees,” said Titusville Mayor Andrew Connors. “It’s a testament to the dedication of our community to enhance Titusville’s beauty and sustainability while contributing to better air quality, public health, and climate resilience.”

To earn Tree City USA recognition, a city must uphold four core standards including maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and participating in an Arbor Day celebration.

“Thank you to the Arbor Day Foundation for this honor and to everyone in our community who helps protect and grow our urban forest. Together, we’re making Titusville a greener, healthier, and more vibrant place to live,” said Connors.

The Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program is operated in partnership with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To learn more about the program or how to apply, visit arborday.org.

About the Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation is a global nonprofit inspiring people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. They foster a growing community of more than 1 million leaders, innovators, planters, and supporters united by their bold belief that a more hopeful future can be shaped through the power of trees. For more than 50 years, they’ve answered critical need with action, planting more than half a billion trees alongside their partners. And this is only the beginning.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit pursuing a future where all life flourishes through the power of trees. Learn more at arborday.org.



TREE CITY USA®



We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

Mayor Andrew Connors
555 S. Washington Ave
Titusville, FL 32796

Dear Mayor Andrew Connors,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I’m happy to extend my warmest congratulations to Titusville on successfully achieving 2024 Tree City USA status. This well-deserved recognition is a testament to your community’s unwavering commitment to the planting, care, and celebration of trees.

In an era where cities and towns are facing increasing challenges related to air quality, public health, and climate resilience, nurturing urban forests has never been more important. By prioritizing tree stewardship, you’ve not only helped enhance Titusville’s beauty and livability, but you’ve also invested in a healthier, more sustainable future for your residents.

The Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree City USA program has a long legacy of supporting a nationwide network of passionate organizers and tireless tree planters. Since 1976, we’ve connected with more than 3,500 communities of all sizes to create and maintain green spaces. While we may all work in different corners of the country, we are all working in unison to create positive change through trees.

To be named a Tree City USA is to be part of something bigger.

Whether Titusville is newer to the Tree City USA recognition program, or you’ve been part of our network for decades, we hope you are as excited as we are to share this accomplishment with your local media and your residents. To that end, we’ve included a press release for you to distribute at your convenience. A digital copy of the press release and other materials can be found in the Tree City USA Resource Center online at arborday.org/TreeCitytoolkit.

Once again, congratulations on this outstanding achievement and thank you for your dedication to Titusville’s tree canopy. We believe cities that take care of their trees, take care of their people.

Best Regards,

Dan Lambe
Chief Executive of the Arbor Day Foundation





TITUSVILLE POLICE

PROMOTING TEAMWORK WITHIN Our COMMUNITY.

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K9 “Scooby” Retires

The Titusville Police Department’s (TPD) K9 Scooby has officially retired from law enforcement duties after nearly 8 years of service.

Scooby, a Belgian Malinois, began his career at our department in March of 2017, when he was just 10 months old, along with his litter mate, K9 Chase.

Scooby, a dedicated partner to 4 TPD handlers, has spent the last 3 1/2 years with K9 Officer Jacob Weaver.

Scooby’s training and skill encompass the disciplines of apprehension, obedience, narcotics detection, and tracking.

As a dual purpose K9, Scooby’s career-long certifications hail from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, as well as the National Narcotics Detector Dog Association.

“Scooby was an asset to the Titusville community because of his tireless work effort producing many apprehensions and several notable narcotic discoveries resulting in arrests”, said K9 team leader Sgt. John Cantalupo. “He will always remain a beloved team member of our department and will retire comfortably at home with K9 Officer Weaver”, added Cantalupo”.

TPD Excelsior Accreditation

The Titusville Police Department (TPD) hosted a team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) as part of their assessment for Excelsior status. Excelsior status is the highest level of accreditation in Florida and is reserved for criminal justice agencies that have been reaccredited five times in a row over 15 years.

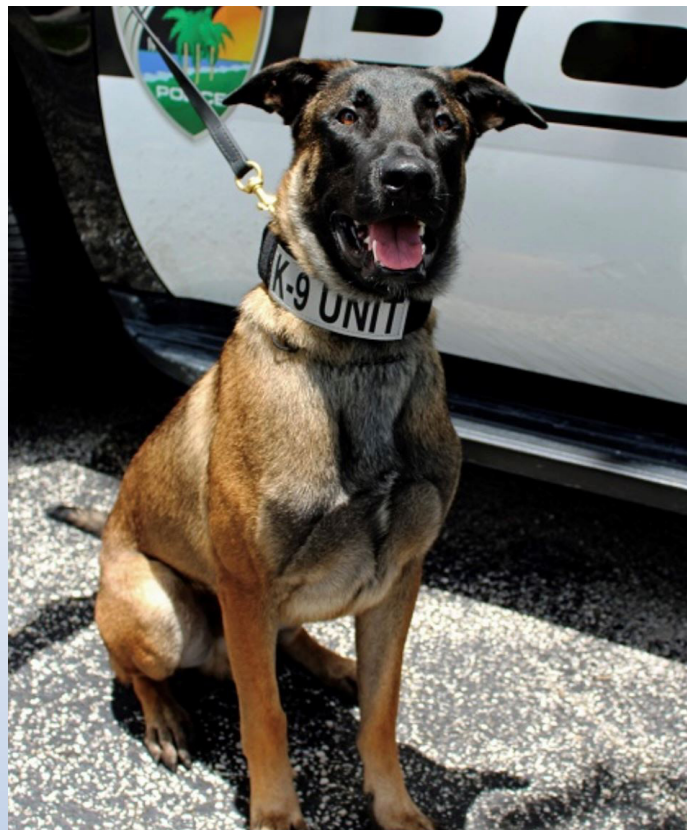
The team of assessors from the CFA conducted an onsite assessment to examine all aspects of the Titusville Police Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, through Thursday, December 5, 2024.

As part of the accreditation process, TPD provided static vehicle displays manned by agency team members who were positioned to answer assessors’ questions. In addition, representatives from local businesses, local government officials and members of non-profit organizations attended the presentation.

The department must comply with the applicable standards, which can include up to a total of 236 standards to receive State accredited Excelsior status.

“The assessment team was composed of accreditation professionals from Florida law enforcement agencies chosen by the Commission,” said Accreditation and Accountability Manager, Stacey Woodward.

“The assessors reviewed written materials, conducted in-person interviews, and directly inspected all aspects of our agency where compliance can be observed, along with reporting agency compliance to the CFA,” added Woodward.



“Accreditation ensures we are incorporating the best practices in the State” said Police Chief John Lau. “It’s a recognition in which the residents and businesses of our city can be proud of, and the Titusville Police Department is held to these prestigious expectations”, added Lau.

Notification of the Excelsior status accreditation achievement will occur in February of 2025.

Traffic Advisory

Florida law requires the use of seat belts or child restraints devices by drivers of motor vehicles, all front seat passengers, and all children (under 18 y/o) riding in a vehicle. Additionally, children aged 5 and under to be secured properly in a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device.

Seat belts save lives! Buckle Up Titusville!



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(INCLUDES PARAMEDIC, FLSA OVERTIME & HOLIDAYS)

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- Instructor 1 - **\$960.38**
- Live Fire Training Instructor - **\$720.28**
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Improving the Indian River Lagoon

Check out the Water Quality Improvements StoryMap, formerly the Protecting the IRL StoryMap! This StoryMap now highlights even more information about how The City of Titusville is working to improve the health of the Indian River Lagoon. Information about grants awarded for water quality improvement projects in the City can be viewed on the newly added "Grants" tab. The "Excess Nutrient Reductions" tab highlights how these projects have contributed towards excess nutrient reductions in the IRL. Other information on this StoryMap includes infrastructure, working partnerships, and how you can help improve the health of the lagoon at home.

Visit Titusville's Public Maps and Apps page to see other StoryMaps and WebMaps we have to offer!

Water Quality Improvements



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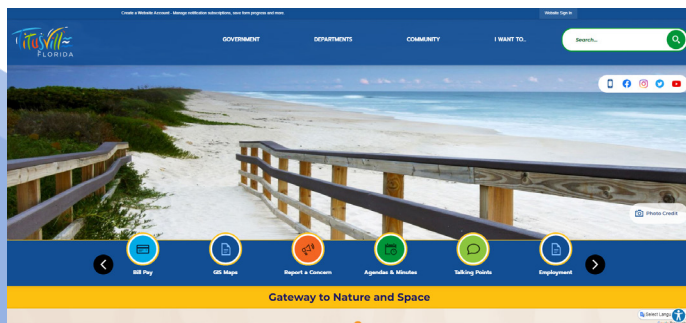
BOLD NEW CHANGES COMING TO TITUSVILLE.COM

Titusville, FL – December 30, 2024 – The City of Titusville has partnered with CivicPlus®, a provider of integrated technology solutions exclusively for local governments, to launch a new, mobile-responsive, highly-functional civic website. CivicPlus' content management system will allow Titusville to offer greater transparency and to increase resident engagement by offering more dynamic content and timely news through its set of robust features, well-designed layout, and functionality.

"CivicPlus is built on designing innovative solutions for local governments," said Jennifer Elliott, CivicPlus Director of Product Marketing. "We continually invest in our products to strengthen and transform the way local governments work and communicate with their residents and are proud to partner with the City of Titusville to help them accomplish their goals."

With over 7,500 local government customers, the power of the CivicPlus Civic Experience platform is in its integrated and comprehensive multi-product suite capabilities, that connect municipal employees and elected officials with the residents they represent and serve.

One specific feature of the new website is already live - the new CivicClerk Agendas & Minutes Portal. Citizens can access full agenda and minutes packets for upcoming meetings, offered in HTML, PDF, and ADA Accessible plain-text formats. To access the new portal, visit titusvillefl.portal.civicclerk.com. Documents for meetings held before November of 2024 and for other boards and commissions can be viewed by following a link provided in the portal.



Current City Website, as of 10/15/24

The other changes are expected to go live in Spring of 2025.

About CivicPlus®

CivicPlus delivers technology solutions that enable local governments to optimize the experience they deliver when interacting with residents. Over 7,500 local governments use their solutions when serving their 340 million residents. They deliver the industry's first and only Civic Experience Platform. It enables local governments to drive more revenue, operate more efficiently, and generate positive recognition for the many services they provide every day. For more information, visit civicplus.com.

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	321.567.3987
Municipal Marina	321.383.5600
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

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Space Coast Games



A new tabletop game and hobby store has opened at 2400 S Hopkins Ave.

Tumble Tots



A new indoor playground has opened at Titus Landing.

Pon Di River



A new Jamaican restaurant and catering business has opened at 425 Garden Street.

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Space View Park
February 22, 2025
5 pm - 9 pm



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