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“Coming to a Neighborhood Near You!” *(continued)*

The entire Port Orange Town Center Redevelopment Area totals roughly 271 acres. Once the selection process has reduced the RFSQ responses down to three (3) companies, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) will entertain presentations from the three. Through a scoring process, the CRA selects one company for the City to begin contract negotiations. It is estimated that a contract should be solidified by the fall of this year.

■ **Harbor Oaks Sewer Collection Bid Award**

On May 18, the City Council approved the bid award of Part One of the Rose Bay Area Collection System Project to Volusia Construction. A component of the Rose Bay 5-Point Restoration Plan, the Rose Bay collection project has been pared down to two phases - the Harbor Oaks area (Part One) and the Allandale area (Part Two). Improvements in Harbor Oaks (Part One) include the construction of the sewer collection system, water distribution

improvements, and the drainage system. The repaving work will be performed concurrently with the sewer improvements. The actual work on the project is estimated to begin around August or September of this year. Funds to support this project were acquired by the City through Florida's State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan program. This low interest loan program, administered by the state, is federal seed money open to public entities for eligible and qualified projects.

To assist in the efficient placement of sewer connection points at individual homes, Harbor Oaks residents are encouraged to contact Mary Kronenburg to schedule a site visit appointment. Ms. Kronenburg will assess your property and select the best location for your sewer connection point. All Harbor Oaks residents should be aware that if this sewer connection assessment is not performed, the contractor may well place the connection point anywhere he/she deems necessary. To contact Ms. Kronenburg, call 756-5430.

Hurricane Preparations

Every year the months of June through November are critical in the state of Florida because it is hurricane season. In an effort to prepare our residents not only for hurricanes but disasters in general, the following information will assist in decreasing the loss of life and property. For more information relating to disaster preparations, contact Port Orange's Emergency Management office at 756-5284.

Take precautions and plan for potential disasters by doing the following:

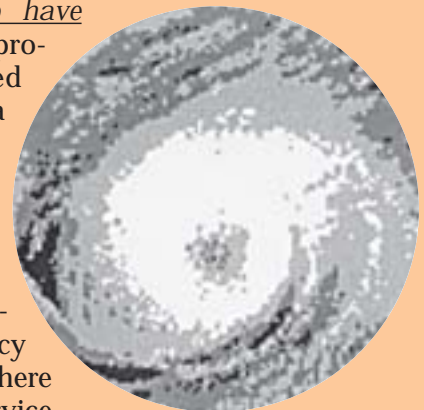
- Identify and protect personal papers.
- Know evacuation routes and secondary roads.
- Know how to shut off the water, electric, and gas at your home or residence.
- Have an emergency supply kit ready that includes food, clothing, tools, & medicines.
- Have two (2) points of contact, one locally and one out of state, in case you or loved ones have to leave your home due to an emergency.
- Take preventative actions to protect your home, i.e., insurance, storm shutters, storm resistant windows, mobile home tie downs, flood insurance, and trim tree branches.
- During storms and potential storms, pay close attention to the local radio and TV stations including the Weather Channel. Programmable NOAA weather

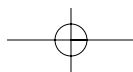
radios are good alert systems and can be purchased from electronics stores.

- When possible, you should make arrangements for your pets at a boarding kennel, groomer, or at your veterinarian. Animals will not be allowed inside Red Cross shelters. Volusia County has one (1) animal shelter located at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. To register your animal, call 943-7895.

Persons with Special Needs Program

If an evacuation is ordered, shelter for persons with special needs (i.e., people with medical problems, the wheelchair bound, etc.) will be available; and transportation will also be provided for *those individuals who have preregistered*. This program is organized through the Volusia County Emergency Management Services. To initiate the voluntary registration process, County residents can call the Volusia County Emergency Services at 254-1500. There is no charge for this service.





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JULY

- 6 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Code Enforcement Board
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Library Advisory Board
Port Orange Regional Library 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
City Hall 6:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Golf Course Advisory Board
Cypress Head Golf Club 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Employee Pension Board
Meeting City Hall, 2nd Floor
Conference Room #2 11:00 a.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Construction Regulation Board
Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Board
City Hall 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Budget Workshop
Adult Activity Center
4790 Ridewood Ave. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 27 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 3 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Code Enforcement Board
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Employee Pension Board
Meeting City Hall, 2nd Floor
Conference Room #2 11:00 a.m.
- 17 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Construction Regulation Board
Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Board
City Hall 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Golf Course Advisory Board
Cypress Head Golf Club 5:30 p.m.
- 24 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Code Enforcement Board
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Library Advisory Board Port Orange
Regional Library 7:00 p.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Deadline to register to vote
in city wide elections
- 8 Budget Hearing (First Reading) Council
Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Construction Regulation Board
Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.
Environmental Advisory Board
City Hall 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Golf Course Advisory Board
Cypress Head Golf Club 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Employee Pension Board
Meeting City Hall, 2nd Floor
Conference Room #2 11:00 a.m.
- 21 City Council Meeting
Budget Hearing (Final Adoption
of Budget & Millage Rate) Council
Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
- 28 City Council Meeting
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, July 13 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

Saturday, 24 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Adult Activity Center
4790 Ridewood Ave.

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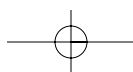
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Human Resources 756-5223
City Clerk 756-5212
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Utility Customer Service 756-5224
Other Financial Information 756-5239
Community Development 756-5250
Parks and Recreation Department 756-5390
Public Works Department 756-5366
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mon-Fri.
Water/Sewer Repairs 756-5383
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Water/Sewer Emergency 756-5380
Police Department (Non Emergency) 756-5333
Fire Department (Non Emergency) 756-5401
Port Orange Regional Library 322-5152

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Celebration

Come celebrate the birth of our nation at the Port Orange Municipal Complex. Centered around the City Center lake and the Port Orange amphitheater, food, fun and entertainment are standard fare. For your listening pleasure, True Country will hit the amphitheater stage around 6:30 p.m. and play for an hour. You might remember this rockin' country band from their City sponsored "Concert in the Park Series" April 23 appearance at the amphitheater. Following True Country, the Al Short Orchestra

will recapture the sounds of the Big Band era at 8:00 p.m. With the final note from the orchestra, a fireworks display will cap the celebration and splash the night sky and clouds with all the colors of the rainbow at 9:00 p.m.

To ease the parking situation, a FREE Park & Ride service provided by Votran will be available at Spruce Creek High School's west parking lot. The rides will begin at 6:00 p.m. and run every 15 minutes until the last shuttle runs at 8:30 p.m. For information, call 756-5390.

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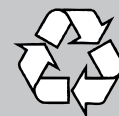
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City Profile - Fire & Rescue

Although Port Orange was incorporated as a town in 1867, no established fire department was operating until 1926. The first fire department served a residential population of 656 and was funded through donations and fish fries. The current composition of the Port Orange Department of Fire and Rescue consists of 55 career personnel operating out of three fire stations and serving a population of more than 45,000. A fourth station on Airport Road will be opened this fall. In addition to providing fire fighting activities to a service coverage area of 25.5 square miles, the Department also provides advanced and basic medical life support, specialized rescue services, public education, fire prevention, fire safety inspections, smoke detector installations, flu shots and home health care to area residents.

Chief Michael Ertz has lead the Department of Fire and Rescue since



1983 after a nine year stint with Prince William County Fire and Rescue Services in Virginia and at the State Fire College in Ocala. During his tenure as Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator for Port Orange, Ertz has developed, among many things, the City's first Compre-

hensive Emergency Management Plan, implemented the first official fire prevention code, and established a comprehensive public education and community relations program that goes beyond traditional fire education.

It is the Department's mission to provide quality fire protection, emergency medical care and emergency management in a cost-effective manner to the citizens and visitors of Port Orange. In order to provide the best possible service to residents, a fourth fire station is currently under construction on Airport Road. To further enhance that commitment, the Department is looking into providing ambulance transport in the future.

Last year, Port Orange Fire & Rescue responded to a total of 4,169 calls. Of that number, 3,514 were medical calls. This is a small increase over 1997 numbers, however, the workload was one that has never been seen before in the history of the Department.

In 1998, we saw how fearsome Mother Nature's wrath could be. The year began with tornadoes striking many areas; and as summer approached, extreme drought conditions caused the breakout of wild fires throughout the state and near Port Orange. During Fire Storm '98, Port Orange's well fields were burning with hostile fires approaching from three different directions.

Defensive tactics were used, and no wellheads or structures were lost. The Department protected not only its jurisdiction but also provided



mutual aid to other cities, Volusia County, and neighboring counties. Port Orange Fire & Rescue was one of the few fire rescue agencies in Volusia County that continued to provide full service to its residents during the height of the fire storm. Department personnel also responded to the Florida Keys under the State Disaster Response Plan after Hurricane Georges made landfall just north of Key West. Once there, personnel assisted with search and rescue efforts.

Port Orange Fire & Rescue has a comprehensive public education and safety program that served 15,582 people in 1998 alone. Specific programs have been created and implemented to meet the needs of Port Orange residents. Adult residents can take part in CPR, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and first aid classes as well as discussions on home fire safety, hurricane preparedness and child safety. School age children receive small class instruction in programs such as Danger/Stranger, Latchkey Kids, Good Touch/Bad Touch and Learn Not to Burn.

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Promises Made - Promises Kept

Port Orange is a premier, unique, accessible, safe and innovative city where people feel at home and experience a sense of community. Our residents, neighbors and visitors benefit as a result of implementing thoughtful planning that maintains and enhances this quality of life. Port Orange will achieve its vision by emphasizing the following areas: economic development, leisure and cultural activities, community lifestyle, education.

In 1992, a group of citizens, City Council Members and City staff members met to create the first Vision Statement and establish the goals and strategies necessary to meet it. The Vision Statement was reviewed in 1995 to determine if it reflected the community's long-term and short-term goals and again in 1998 to work on the strategies need-

ed to implement the Vision.

All plans being developed, including the City's Operating Budget, focus on the Vision and how to achieve this Vision for the community. Departmental Work Programs reference what sections of the Vision are being addressed and how their work programs will allow the City Council to achieve the Port Orange Vision.

The Port Orange City Council and City Manager believe that promises are to be kept. A document entitled "Promises Made" is currently in production. "Promises Made" will outline the City's Vision Statement, including long and short-term goals and strategies, so that community members are aware of the City's commitment to the Vision. The document, which lists our promises dealing with economic development, leisure and cultural activities, com-



munity lifestyle, and education, will soon be available to the public through the City Manager's Office.

A second document, "Promises Kept," will be produced as part of the Mayor's Annual State of the City Message. It will reflect the City's progress over a 12 month period in achieving the overall Vision for the City of Port Orange.



BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Currently, the City of Port Orange is in the process of preparing its FY 1999-2000 budget. The City's fiscal year ends September 30, 1999; and as we progress towards that date, the City holds budget workshops and hearings. In May of this year, Neighborhood Budget Meetings were held to offer residents information and input on the budget. Similar in nature, the Budget Workshops that are scheduled in July are an extension of the neighborhood meetings where the City Council and city staff assess community needs.

This year's Budget Workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, where the Enterprise Funds (Water/Sewer, Solids Waste, Drainage Utility, and the Internal Service Fund) will be discussed. Furthermore, Saturday, July 24, the Operational Funds (General Fund & Golf Course) will be addressed as well as the proposed millage rate.

To conclude the budget process, formal hearings in September are planned to adopt the FY 1999-2000 budget and set the millage rate for the coming fiscal year. At the moment, the first reading to adopt the proposed budget and set the millage rate is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8. The final adoption of the budget and the millage rate has been placed on the Tuesday, September 21, City Council meeting agenda. It must be noted that the exact dates, times, and locations of the workshops in July and the public hearings in September will be advertised and are subject to change. So, look for the public notices regarding the workshops and hearings.

Finally, to make these workshops and public hearings productive and representational, the City would like to encourage residents to attend. If you need additional information, call 756-5201.

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■ *City Council to Visit Districts*

In September, the City Council plans to visit City District #2, the home district of Council Member Mary Martin. Although the time and place has yet to be determined, this and future visits will be an opportunity for Council Members to meet with residents to discuss and present issues. Throughout the remainder of the year, the City Council will make visits to the neighboring districts, so look for the meeting notices. Accompanying the following list of City Council Members, a map has been provided to assist residents with the general geographical location of the four districts. For more information, please call 756-5201.

District 1: Vice Mayor George Steindorfer
 District 2: Mary Martin
 District 3: Jim Meadows
 District 4: Dorothy L. Hukill

As a reminder, Port Orange will hold a City wide election on October 5, and November 2. If you have not registered to vote, you must register by September 7. To register, call 756-5212.

■ *“EE” Middle School (Airport Road)*

The vacant land next to the Water’s Edge subdivision will soon be the home of a new middle school. Slated for construction late this summer, the current name of the school is “EE”. Volusia County Schools uses letter designations to identify planned schools until they are officially named. Once construction begins and the rezoning for the school’s student population has been completed, “EE’s” soon to be assigned Principal will work with the community to select an appropriate name. Designed to handle roughly 1,300 students, the new middle school will open for the 2001/2002 school year. Situated on 45-acres fronting Airport Road, this state-of-the-art facility will feature standard classrooms as well as a gymnasium, band and art rooms, and a technology lab.

■ *Update on Town Center*

As highlighted in the last City newsletter, the April-May-June 1999 issue, the City Council recently approved a thirty (30) year Redevelopment Plan for the heart of our community, a designed area known as Port Orange Town Center. To accomplish the goal of redeveloping and revitalizing Port Orange’s original “downtown,” a Request for Standards and Qualifications (RFSQ) is being prepared. Ready for distribution in June, the RFSQ will solicit potential companies interested in master planning and developing 26 acres that make up the Riverwalk District.

City Council Districts

