

# CELEBRATING TITUSVILLE'S 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Plus: Interesting Businesses, Old & New Updates on Titus Landing
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and More...

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2017 is the Sesquicentennial of the City of Titusville. Above is a photo from 1890 showing local townsmen and their boats along the shores of the Indian River, in the area now known as Sand Point Park. In the background is the famous Titusville Pier, which stood in the waters of the Indian River for decades.

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Site plans and building plans are under review for a convenience store with eight gas pumps, to be located at the northwest corner of Cheney Highway and S. Washington Avenue, at the site of the former Chevron gas station.

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# Marriott of Titusville



Site plans and building plans are under review for a 15,230 square foot hotel located along Helen Hauser Boulevard, south of Cheney Highway (S.R. 50).

# Sand Point Park Splash Pad



On October 25, 2016, City Council voted to approve Canaveral Construction of Mims, FL, for the design and construction of a splash pad in the amount of \$513,095. The contractor recently submitted the 90% design review for approval by the city.

A groundbreaking was held on October 30, 2016 at Sand Point Park. Construction is set to begin around February 9, 2017.



**Bus Shelters** 



A total of 16 bus shelters are being designed and installed by Brevard County, funded by a Space Coast Area Transit grant. The locations have been chosen, and work is underway to obtain easements for Florida Dept. of Transportation permits, as required. The County's consultant is designing the sites, including required ADA improvements, and the shelters are being fabricated based upon a design approved by the Titusville City Council.

# Indian River Landings Subdivision



Land clearing and site construction are well underway on the development of a 22-lot, single-family home subdivision on Riveredge Drive, south of Cheney Highway (SR 50).

# Condos at Former Randolph Inn



Work continues at the site of the former Randolph Inn located at 3800 S. Washington Ave. The \$780,000 project will convert the property from an old 106-room, two-story hotel into 30 two-bedroom and 18 three-bedroom apartment units.

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Family Dollar – Dairy Road



Site and building permits have been issued, and construction is underway, for a new 8,300 square foot store located on the south side of Dairy Road, just west of Singleton Avenue.

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### **New Energy Services**



Slab work has been completed and the city is in the process of performing interior rough inspections for all trades as 1111 Norwood Avenue is renovated into office spaces for New Energy Services.

## **Correll Palms Assisted Living Facility**



Site and building plans have been approved for a new assisted living complex to be located on U.S. 1 across from Parrish Medical Center. This development will feature a memory care facility, pharmacy, and 12 medical office buildings.



# Bagel 13 – Cheney Hwy



Site and building permits have been issued, and construction is underway, for a second Bagel 13 restaurant at 1000 Cheney Highway.

## Kutryb Eye Institute



Site and building permits have been issued, and construction is underway, for a new 7,000 square foot medical office at 730 S. Washington Avenue. The North Brevard Economic Development Zone has granted \$89,000 in incentives for the project, which plans to open an ophthalmology practice and optometry clinic. The new location would add one Ophthalmologist and 6 to 7 additional support personnel.

# New Greek Restaurant



Building demolition has begun at 1795 S. Washington Avenue to make way for a proposed 3,777 square foot restaurant.

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# Former Sunbelt Building – U.S. Navy



Construction is continuing on the renovation and expansion of the former Sunbelt Rentals building on U.S. 1 south of Cheney Highway (SR 50). The building will include an office, laboratory space, and a high-bay warehouse that will be leased to the U.S. General Services

Administration (GSA) on behalf of the U.S. Navy. Saturn Builders is the contractor for the project and Z. Sid Chehayeb, PE is the civil engineer.

Santiago Village



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Site plans are under review for a 133-lot single family subdivision located east of Sisson Road and south of San Mateo Boulevard.

# Walmart Liquor Store



Work is nearing completion on the new 9,000-square-foot beer, wine and spirits store located in the parking of the Walmart Supercenter at S.R. 405 and Cheney Hwy (S.R. 50). Construction is expected to be completed by spring.

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# **Paragon Plastics**



Construction is nearing completion on the new 66,000 squarefoot Paragon Plastics facility on Armstrong Drive. The owners expect the building to be completed by the end of January, and business operations to begin within the coming months.

# **Solamere Grand**



Site and building permits have been issued and foundations have been poured for a 216-unit apartment complex and clubhouse located on Knox McRae Drive across from Jackson Middle School. This project is being developed by Solamere Grand of Phenix City, Alabama. (Photo below is of a similar project out of state.)



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# Victorio's Oyster Bar & Restaurant



Construction continues on the new 5,215-square-foot building on the current site of Victorio's Restaurant. This new dining establishment is nearly twice the size of the existing structure and will seat more than 120 patrons.

Garrison Construction of Titusville is overseeing the \$1.2 million project and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2017.

### **Riverfront Park**



The City has received final plans from the design consultant and is currently working on a bid package for another phase of improvements to Riverfront Park along U.S. 1.

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### Blue Origin



The City has fully executed two contracts to provide plan review and inspection services for aerospace firm Blue Origin's two buildings located in Exploration Park near Kennedy Space Center. Vertical construction has begun on the 75,000 square foot New Glenn factory building.

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# **Hopkins Complete Street Project**



The city has submitted the first plan for review to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the construction project on Hopkins Avenue. The project is scheduled for bidding later in 2017. Additionally, the City's two consultants are working on the design of the traffic signal and landscape improvements.

The term "Complete Streets" is a phrase coined in 2003 by America

Bikes as it developed a transportation police initiative to address all modes of travel along and across roadways, and ensures the entire right-of-way is designed and operated to enable safe access for all users.



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# **Titus Landing**



Phase 1.1 and 2 of the Titus Landing construction are currently under review. In addition, site construction has begun and building permits have been issued for Outparcel B. Development continues on the Parrish Mayo medical office building.



# **Downtown CRA Corridor Improvements**



In an effort to become more visitor friendly, particularly with trail users, 14 wayfinding directional signs have been installed by the Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency in the downtown between the Main Street railroad tracks and Indian River Drive/ Garden Street intersection. The signs will help direct visitors to points of interest in the downtown and surrounding area, such as the new Welcome Center, museums, parks, the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge and Canaveral Seashore.



Work continues on the facelift to the Julia and Nevins Courtyards downtown to make the courtyards more usable to the public. The removal of the large concrete platforms and planters took place in December. Shade structures are being purchased and will be installed after the first of the year.

Bids to replace the missing landscaping along Washington Avenue and Hopkins Avenue in the downtown were received in late November. A contract was awarded to JB's Lawn Control of Titusville to install the replacement plants. Also included in the project is the installation of hanging vegetation baskets to existing decorative light poles along the avenues. Work is estimated to be completed in the first quarter of the year. Funding for the project is being paid for from the City's Tree Mitigation Fund.



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# Making Music for the Stars GOLD TONE MUSIC GROUP

any long-time citizens of Titusville will remember a little music shop called "Strings 'N Things Musical Group." What many people may not realize is that the owners of Strings 'N Things, Wayne and Robyn Rogers, still own an international music store here in town. Located on Hopkins Avenue, Gold Tone Musical Group is a hiidden gem that many people drive past every day, albeit unknowingly.

The Rogers' story starts in the 70s when Wayne moved to Florida to study at Florida Atlantic University. After meeting the young music enthusiast Robyn, the two noticed that there were no local music stores that offered acoustic folk instruments. Thus. Wayne and Robin took it upon themselves to be the first.

In 1978, the Rogers opened Strings 'N Things Music Center to massive success. The store sold instruments and records, and held group lessons for locals interested in music. One of their biggest goals in opening the store was to have great prices that were affordable and reasonable for the average working musician, without sacrificing the quality of the instrument. This goal became increasingly difficult as Wayne could not produce parts in his shop fast enough to meet customer demand. So, Wayne turned to fellow musician Paul Kim, who owned a small manufacturing company, and the problem was solved.

Right: Gold Tone owner Wayne Rogers with Melissa Etheridge

They are still partners to this day.

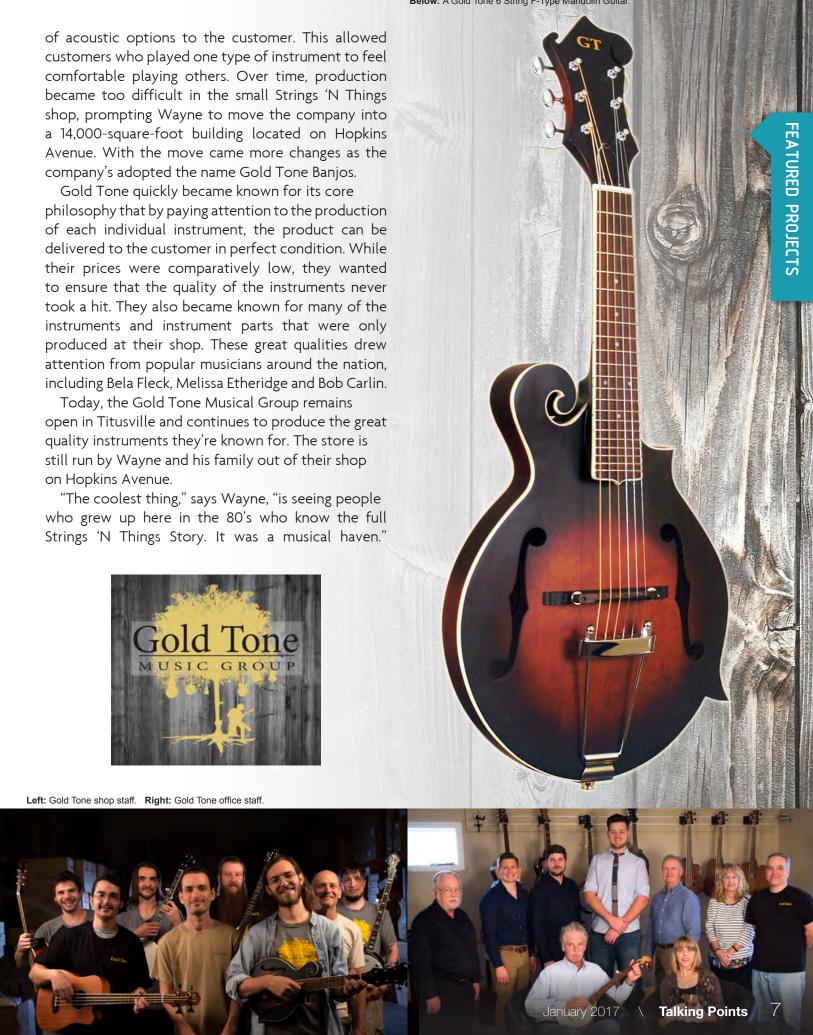
The store thrived as the Rogers continued to innovate. The term "Folkternative" was trademarked by Wayne and used prominently at the store in association with their lineup of hybrid instruments.

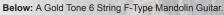
The company began coupling banjos, guitars, mandolins and more to offer a diverse selection



Today, the Gold Tone Musical Group remains







he concentrated development of Titusville did not begin until after the Civil War had ended. In 1867, Colonel Henry T. Titus — the founder of Titusville — arrived at Sand Point and settled on a piece of land owned by his wife, Mary Hopkins. A former Civil War soldier, Confederate blockade runner, and entrepreneur, Titus conceived the idea of founding a town and opening up the Indian River country. In 1869, he established a stage line between Enterprise, Florida - a river port on the upper St. Johns River - and the new settlement.

1867

2017

Col. Henry T. Titus

1825 - 1881

Information courtesy of North Brevard Historical Society

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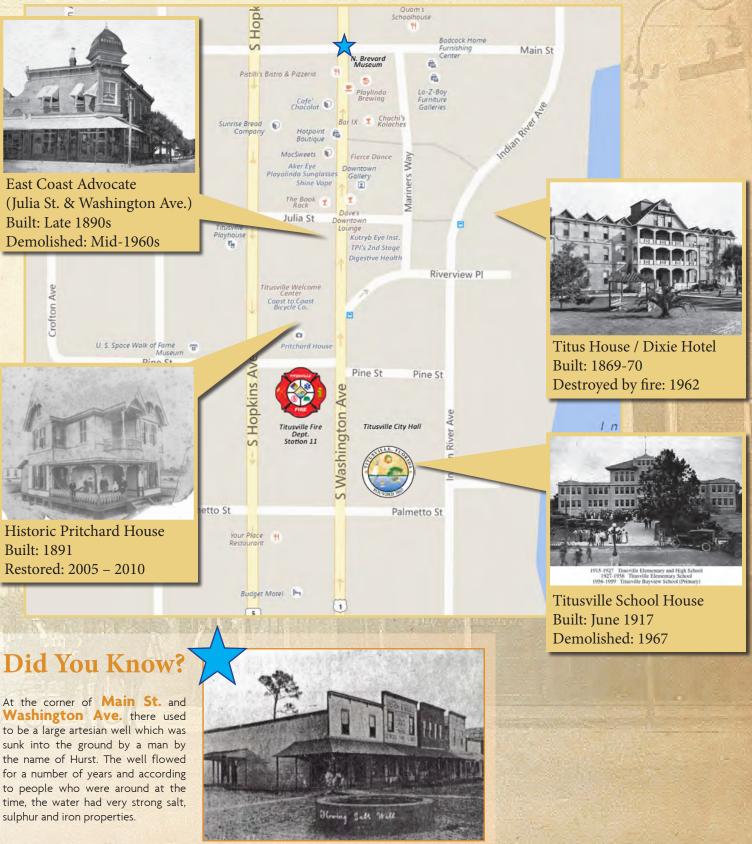
A Brief History of Titusville

Titus operated a mercantile store at Enterprise and a dry goods store together with J.W. Joyner at Sand Point, the only store along the coast of Volusia and Brevard Counties. In 1870, he completed the Titus House, a local hotel located on the east end of present-day Julia Street, along the banks of the river. At the time of his arrival there were only a few families in the area: the Stones at Sebastian, Captain Miles C. Burnham at Canaveral, and the Dummetts on Merritt Island.

The Titus House became the community center of the fledgling settlement and the surrounding Indian River Region. It was a wood frame building with a large central block and two long wings, all rising one story in height and surrounded by verandahs. It was located on Washington Avenue, just south of Main Street. At the hotel, Titus served many of the exotic game, fish, fruits, and vegetables which abounded in the Indian River region. He paid for the clearing of land at the new town and the laying out of many of the first buildings. Titus helped establish a mail route to Sand Point and served as postmaster and as justice of the peace. He shipped freight to Titusville by boat and wagon and thenfilled them withcitrus and pineapples for re-shipment north.

In 1873, the name of the post office was changed from Sand Point to Titusville. There are conflicting stories as to how the name was chosen, with one story stating that since Titus was postmaster he unilaterally named the town after himself despite some local opposition. However, the more popular tale has the name resulting from the outcome of a domino game between Captain Rice and Colonel Titus. The winner of the game was Colonel Titus and thus the town thereafter appropriately became Titusville.

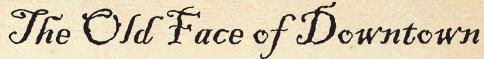
During the 1870s, the town grew at a comparatively brisk rate, reaching 200 residents by the end of the decade. In 1879, Titusville, together with the southern part of Volusia County, was annexed to Brevard County. Colonel Titus pushed for the location of the county seat to be located in Titusville and shortly after the annexation county voters overwhelmingly chose the city over Eau Gallie and Rockledge. Colonel Titus donated the land with the covenant that it only be used for county buildings. Two years after the election, Henry Titus died at home in the town he had fathered.



# **Did You Know?**

Washington Ave. there used to be a large artesian well which was sunk into the ground by a man by the name of Hurst. The well flowed for a number of years and according to people who were around at the time, the water had very strong salt, sulphur and iron properties.





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# 1967 - The Centennial Gelebration

# **CENTENNIAL** TIME CAPSULE est. 1967

The Titusville Centennial Time L Capsule was made of stainless steel by folks at McDonnell Douglas, and in keeping with the times, it resembled a scaled-down replica of the Gemini spacecraft. Inside the capsule was a letter from Mayor Wendell Sease for the future mayor of Titusville in 2017, as well as a special Centennial Key. Other items placed in the capsule included a letter from Mrs. Griggs, Titusville's oldest citizen at the time, the Centennial edition of the Star-Advocate newspaper, as well as a 75th anniversary edition published in 1955.

The capsule was supposed to be buried in front of the Titusville Courthouse in 1967 after receiving a waterproof plastic coating to protect it and the contents from the elements. The coating, however, was never applied and the capsule sat in storage. A hole was dug and a ceremony was held, but no one knew that the capsule wasn't there; it had remained in storage. Decades later, people thought the capsule had been lost. However, several years ago the capsule was delivered to City Hall and placed on display 15 feet above the lobby floor, where it remained until January 13, 2017, when it was opened by our new mayor Walt Johnson.

> Above Right: Men in Titusville donned 1860s clothing and hairstyles during Titusville's Centennial Celebration in 1967.

> > Right: A collection of photos of Titusville's Centennial from the official Centennial Booklet published in 1967.







Wayne Rogers and his fellow musicians perform music selections from the beginning years of Titusville at the sesquicentennial kick-off street party.

itusville's Sesquicentennial year kicked off with the "Friday Nite Live" Downtown Street Party on January 13. Washington Ave. was blocked off by police from Pine St. north to Main St. Hundreds of local residents gathered along the old downtown thoroughfare to listen to "folkternative" music played by Wayne Rogers, from Gold Tone Musical Group, and his band. The crowds enjoyed a variety of food venues and were able to peruse open shops as they eagerly awaited the main event—the opening of the city's time capsule.

Around 7 p.m. the Honor Guard from Titusville Fire and Emergency Services led the processional with a Titusville Police vehicle bringing the revered Gemini Time Capsule down the street from city hall to the stage. The capsule was followed by Mayor Walt Johnson and his wife, driven in an antique car.

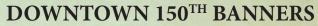
Upon arrival Mayor Johnson and Cathy Musselman, Executive Director of Greater Titusville Renaissance, took to the stage to open up the capsule. Inside they found several historical newspapers, dozens of letters from citizens to themselves or their descendants, and artifacts from the early days of the space program. Most notably was a key to the city that was bequeathed to Mayor Johnson by Wendell Sease, who was Titusville's mayor in 1967. Much of these items will be put on display at the North Brevard Historical Museum in Downtown Titusville.

Several events are planned in the downtown area for 2017, including a parade that will take place in late March. Meanwhile, the Titusville Sesquicentennial Time Capsule is being designed and will be filled later in the year to be set aside for another 50 years.

### 2017 Special Events - Titusville's 150th Anniversary

January 20	Arbor Day
February 18	Wine and Roses at Pritchard House
March 19	Afternoon Tea at Historic Pritchard House
March 20-24	Lectures on History of Titusv at Titusville Library
March 24	Historical Play at Astronaut High School
March 25	Anniversary Fun Run at Sand Point Park
March 25	Anniversary Parade on South Street
	Point Park Anniversary Parade on

2017 - The Sesquicentennial Begins





New light pole banners celebrating Titusville's 150th Anniversary were recent installed along the U.S. 1 corridor through the downtown area.





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### **Peering Across Time**

The City recently installed several specially designed banners on the light poles along Washington Ave. in the downtown area. One banner depicts a couple from the early days of Titusville peering across the Indian River — and across time — to the future and the launch of a rocket from Kennedy Space Center. Other banners show people enjoying the natural amenities found in the community, from kayaking to bird watching and fishing. The final banner is patterned after a citrus packing label from yesteryear, paying homage to the many citrus growers of the area.





**D** room Hildy has recently moved into their new office off U.S. 1. This B family-grown company promises a top-notch staff and impressive results for their commercial and residential cleaning service here in Titusville. The business has generated great success in town since moving in, and the owners hope to eventually franchise their business throughout Florida.

The company prides itself on the belief that their employees come first. "We're a family," said company CEO Chris Hilderbrand, "I'm only as good as my team, and my team is only as good as me. When we succeed, we succeed together. Everyone is important to us." Hilderbrand believes that this philosophy allows his employees to give the customer the highest quality service they can provide. "Every branch has to be a part of that family... and every member of that team will have my phone number.'

Any visitors to the main office building will notice that it is decorated with University of Michigan memorabilia. That's because their Chief Operations Officer is Titusville's own Gerald White. While Gerald was in college, he played football for the University of Michigan. Afterwards he played football for both the Dallas Cowboys and the Miami Dolphins. His career began right here in Titusville, leading the Terriers to a 3A state championship. Hilderbrand comments that Gerald is a huge asset to the team at Broom Hildy, and that he has a great marketing mind.

Broom Hildy is open now and currently does cleaning work for select parts of Brevard and Volusia County. We are excited to welcome them and hope that their efforts in the area prosper.

## What They Offer

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL CLEANING SERVICES

TRUCK MOUNT CARPET, TILE & GROUT CLEANING

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• FLOOR CLEANING - Floor waxing, carpet cleaning, floor strip and wax, terrazzo refinishing, floor refinishing, tile and grout cleaning, etc.

 RESTROOM MAINTENANCE - Toilet cleaning, floor cleaning, restroom restocking, emergency service available.

 MEDICAL FACILITY / DOCTOR & DENTIST OFFICE CLEANING specialized medical facility cleaning techniques are used.

POST-CONSTRUCTION CLEAN-UP

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL PRESSURE CLEANING

INDUSTRIAL FACILITY CLEANING



# Going the Distance Local Businesses Celebrate Anniversaries

# **The Bent Pole Barber Shop**

he year was 1967. Gas prices hover around 33 cents a gallon, "Strawberry Fields Forever" played on the radio, and hundreds of citizens lined the shores of the Indian River to watch NASA launch rockest just across the water. It's also the year that one of Titusville's longest running businesses, the Bent Pole Barber Shop, opened its doors. The year is now 2017, and Bent Pole is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The shop, which was originally owned by Burt Sullivan, was originally called "Burt's Barber Shop", but guickly got its new name from the obstructed structure decorating its parking lot. Nobody knows how the pole got bent, but everyone has their own rumors and stories. Some people say it was hit by a car, while others say the hurricane force winds brought the pole to its knees. A popular theory is that Code Enforcement wanted the pole to conform to certain height requirements, so instead of buying a new pole, they just bent the one they had.

Shiela, one of the barbers at The Bent Pole, has been a citizen of Titusville for most of her life and has worked at the small shop for over 18 years. The store has had four different owners since she's been there, and while she couldn't tell us why the pole was bent, she did tell us some great stories about her time there.

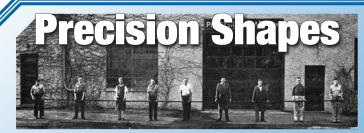
"I was working on the day of the last [shuttle launch]," she recalls, "and it was like nothing I've ever seen. People were lined up along the river selling T-shirts, hotdogs, snow cones, pretty much everything." While the shuttle launch program may be over, that doesn't stop some very memorable customers from coming in, including Florida Governor Rick Scott, numerous famous golfers, MMA fighters, and the Joint Chief of Staff. "It's



the funniest thing watching customers who have been here for so many years start to have children and start bringing them in to be customers," says Shiela.

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We'd like to thank The Bent Pole for staying here in Titusville, and hope it will still be here in another 50 years!



# Looking at the Next 75 Years

Precision Shapes — a woman-owned manufacturing and fabrication company — reached a major milestone in 2016 when it celebrated 75 years in business. Founded in 1941, the company has remained a family-owned business, and has expanded operations over the years, providing fabrication services ofcustom metal, plastic and alloy parts and materials for myriad applications throughout the aerospace, nautical, and nuclear power industries.

Over the years, Precision Shapes has supplied parts and materials to NASA, Rolls Royce, Embraer, GE, Pratt & Whitney, Northrup Grumman, and the U.S. Government.

Today, the company is run by Susan Palma, the daughter of the original owner.



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# Department hosts training and boosts economy.

itusville Police Department is fast becoming a major training destination for Law Enforcement and Public Safety Officials from all over the United States. The FBI Law Enforcement Development Association (FBI-LEEDA) and NorthAmerican Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) will both conduct training here in Titusville throughout 2017.

Over the past two years the department has coordinated training events that brought in approximately one thousand non-local students who attended educational sessions. The coordination of these training events were made possible by the intensely focused efforts of the Professional Standards Division and Command Staff of the Titusville Police Department. These hosted events benefit not only the local economy, which sees a huge jump in hotel occupancy and crowd sizes at local eateries, but also the local taxpayers, who have had tax costs for the travel of trainees cut.



# Community Watch gearing up for bright future.



ne Titusville Police Department's Community Watch Unit is increasing staffing and training in an effort to be ready to take on the challenges of our ever-growing city. Community Watch team members are volunteer citizens making a difference and preforming a vital civic service. The unit observes, reports and records by patrolling Titusville businesses and neighborhoods, performing road closures, traffic blockades and traffic control, assisting during special events, conducting home security checks for vacationing residents and recovering found or abandoned property. Community Watch will also have a visible presence at the new Welcome Center located at 419 South Hopkins Avenue in beautiful Downtown Titusville.

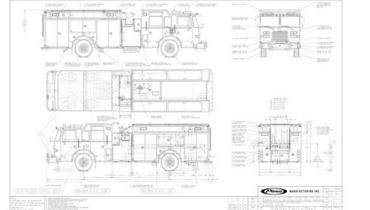
If you are interested in joining our Community Watch team you can apply online by going to TitusvillePD.com and clicking on the Operations banner



# ITUSVILLE & EMERGENCY SERVICES FIRE 550 S. Washington Ave. | Titusville, FL 32796 | 321.567.3800

n the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget, City Council approved the purchase a new 2017 Pierce Enforcer Engine. The last two new engines for the department were purchased in 2007. This new engine will allow the TFD to maintain their commitment to our community by ensuring there is a reliable fleet of apparatus for our firefighters to respond to emergencies safely and efficiently.

When complete, this new engine will be stationed at Fire Station 11, which currently responds to over 2,000 calls for service per year. Every component of the new engine is made and assembled by hand at the 1,000,000+ sqft. Pierce Manufacturing Facility in Appleton, Wisconsin over a 10-12 week time frame from beginning to the finished product. The design is currently being finalized, with assembly anticipated to begin around March. The machine should be delivered in late summer to early fall of 2017.



# Dedicated to providing you with the highest quality drinking water possible **City of Titusville Water Resources**

**Chlorine Dosing** December 12, 2016 February 3, 2017

**Change** in Taste

and Smell

Safe for Drinking,

Cooking, Bathing,

and Everyday Uses

The City of Titusville will begin a chlorine dosing of its entire water distribution system on December 12, 2016. The dosing is a maintenance procedure designed to ensure the quality of the drinking water that we provide to you and your family. The dosing will be performed over an eight-week period (from December 12, 2016 through February 3, 2017). Chlorine dosing is a common maintenance practice used by utilities. As part of this maintenance process, the City will also flush all of the mains within the water distribution system. Flushing will be performed before, during, and after the dosing.

During the dosing, our drinking water treatment process will change from using chloramines (a combination of ammonia and chlorine) to using free chlorine. In addition, we will establish an additional chlorination point on the south end of the water distribution system. Due to these changes, you may experience a slight change in both the taste and smell of your water. After the chlorine dosing is completed, the City will return to using chloramines as its normal method of disinfection treatment.

Your water will remain safe to drink, to cook with, to bathe in, and for other everyday uses during the dosing. The dosing will be performed in compliance with all applicable Florida Department of Environmental Protection regulations; and, water quality will be monitored throughout the process.

Dialysis & Immunocompromised

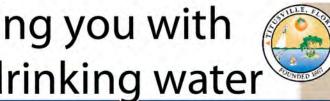
Aquarium **Owners** 

# Focus on Water Quality

If you are currently undergoing dialysis or have a compromised immune system, you should consult your health care provider prior to the dosing to determine whether the change in disinfection will affect your treatment.

If you have a fish tank or pond (including grocery stores and restaurants with lobster tanks and bait shops with fish containers) that uses City water, you should contact a pet or aquarium professional to determine if any adjustments to your aquarium treatment procedures are needed during the chlorine dosing.

We appreciate your cooperation during the dosing process. Titusville Water Resources' primary focus is to provide superior quality drinking water to our customers. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience during the chlorine dosing and we value your assistance as we perform this procedure. If you have a specific question or concern regarding the dosing, please call the Chlorine Dosing Hotline at (321) 567-3878.



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# Water Main Upgrade Program



he ongoing Water Main Replacement Program most recently completed upgrades on Dixie Ave and River Park Blvd. On Dixie Avenue, 2,100 feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe was replaced with 6-inch PVC pipe. This replacement will improve water quality and reduce iron in the water, which causes water to look red.

The Dixie Avenue project also included the replacement of water services, installation of three new fire hydrants and extension of the water main down Main St. and Blanton St. for future connections with the water mains on Park Avenue. On River Park Boulevard, located south of Space Coast Executive Airport, 975 feet of 2-inch galvanized pipe was replaced with 6-inch PVC pipe. This upgrade improves water pressure and quality. The project also included a new hydrant that will provide fire protection for the residents on River Park Boulevard.

The Water Main Replacement Program will continue in 2017 with the replacement of water mains along the southern portion of Riverside Drive, Lime St, and Elk Ave. The Riverside Drive project consists of the replacement of 1,300 feet of 2-inch galvanized pipe with 6-inch PVC. On Lime Street and Elk Avenue, the existing 2-inch galvanized pipes totaling about 1,000 feet will be replaced with larger new pipes. These projects will increase water pressure, improve water quality and improve fire protection in the areas.

# **Meet Your New City Council!**



# Walt Johnson • Mayor • Current Term: 2016 – 2020

Served on Titusville City Council since 2006

Mayor Johnson is a veteran of the United States Air Force who has been a member of the local business community for over 40 years. He has served on numerous economic boards and advisory committees in Titusville and throughout Brevard County. He also served two prior terms on city council, having been elected in 2006 and 2010, and being appointed Vice Mayor in 2010.

Mayor Johnson is married to the former Theresa Tidmore of Titusville/Mims Florida. They have three children and six grandchildren.

# Matt Barringer • Vice Mayor • Current Term: 2014 - 2018 Elected to Titusville City Council in 2014

Vice Mayor Barringer is a veteran of the United States Army and has been an active member of our community since moving to town in 2002. In the past he has served on Titusville's Board of Adjustments and Appeals, is a founding member of the Collegiate Veterans Society, and has served on various economic development boards and civic organizations.

Vice Mayor Barringer is a social studies teacher at Space Coast Jr/Sr High, is a local business owner, and serves on the Space Coast League of Cities. He is married with three children.





# Sarah Stoeckel • Seat 2 • Current Term: 2016 – 2020 Youngest member to serve on City Council

Sarah has been a resident of Titusville for over 25 years and currently works at Eastern Florida State College as an academic advisor and adjunct professor. She has served in leadership roles with Relay for Life, volunteers with the Titusville Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and at Titusville Playhouse, teaches Sunday school to junior high students, and serves as a youth group leader at her church.

Member Stoeckel looks forward to her new role on the council and the opportunity to serve the community.

# Dan Diesel • Seat 3 **Assistant Principal and former Coach**

Dan has been a resident of Brevard county since 1965 and has spent 33 years teaching and coaching several sports at Titusville High School. Currently he is an Assistant Principal at Titusville High School and considers his students his greatest achievement - better than any award or trophy.

In the past, he served as Mayor of the Town Council at Tennessee Tech. He is married with three children and four grandchildren.

Member Nelson

# Jo Lynn Nelson • Seat 5 • Current Term: 2016 – 2018 Retired State Prosecutor in Brevard County

Jo Lynn Nelson is a life long resident of Titusville and graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and a law degree from Stetson University. She worked as a prosecutor for 35 years and served as the Juvenile Division Chief from 2004 to 2015, when she retired.

Member Nelson is a strong advocate for children as well as the health of the Indian River Lagoon. This is her first term as a council member.





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his past year, Central Florida saw its first hurricane in over 12 years when Hurricane Matthew skirted the East Coast of Florida on October 7, 2016. The storm resulted in widespread damage throughout most of the coastal cities, with Titusville being one of the hardest hit in Brevard County, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As a result, on October 19, 2016, FEMA declared Brevard County, along with eight other

counties, disaster areas. This designation meant that Titusville residents and business owners could receive federal assistance for storm-related damage.

After visiting several locations throughout Brevard County, and because Titusville received most of the structural damage within the County, FEMA selected the Titusville Harry T. Moore Social Service Center, located at 725 S. De Leon Avenue, to operate its Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). Because the City had an established Post-Disaster Operations Center plan in place for the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center, the transition to an operating DRC on November 1, 2016, was not only easy, it was instrumental in getting much-needed services to our community. According to FEMA, 577 Brevard County residents — an average of 20 per day — visited the DRC at the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center to apply for federal disaster assistance until it closed on December 8, 2016

FEMA reports that 17 owner-occupied and 5 renter-occupied properties were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. FEMA records also show that the agency received a cumulative 42,612 applications for assistance from all designated counties. In Brevard County alone, 5,071 applications were processed resulting in over \$1.1-million in federal assistance to owners and renters, and 837 applications for unemployment assistance with \$36,454 in assistance being disbursed. Additionally, the Small Business Administration (SBA) approved 1,325 home loans, and 66 business loans resulting in over \$42-million in home loans and \$4.5-million in business loans.

Once the hurricane had passed, the city was hard at work collecting all of the debris. The City's final collection totaled 8,676.75 tons which equates to 148% of a typical year's worth of debris removal. As of publication, city workers have completed all debris removal operations and returned to normal collection duties.



Below: A few of the deployed DRC workers stationed at the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center during its operation. We appreciate all of their hard work and dedication to



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# Act2 Technologies



ACT2 technologies is a firm that manufactures equipment used for water reclamation, and is open for business in Titusville's Space Commerce Park.

# Hospice of St. Francis Solar Power System



The solar power project at Hospice of St. Francis is now complete. These solar panels will produce up to 20% of the facility's energy needs.



8K Solutions is an audiovisual company that designs systems for amateur and professional sports teams. It is now open for business at 8850 Grissom Parkway.

# AutoZone - Reney-Hwy

Construction of the new 7,381 square foot auto parts store is now complete, and the store is now open on Cheney Highway, next to CVS.



Construction of the new 7,776 square foot auto parts store is complete, and the store is now open on Cheney Highway (SR 50) east of Barna Avenue.

# Titusville Welcome Center



The Welcome Center is now open in the Julia St. Parking Lot, and will provide bicycle service rentals, repairs, sales, and trail pamphlets.

**Draa Field Park** 



Draa Field Park is now complete. The park is open to the public, and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 4.

# RUAG

RUAG Space USA, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of RUAG Schweiz AG, has leased 23,000 sq. ft. in the new Titusville Logistic Center for an assembly and distribution operation, primarily to service the Airbus and OneWeb company's OneWeb Satellites.



You can watch live city meetings, rebroadcasted city meetings, Florida Sunshine Channel and more on Titusville CityTV on Spectrum Cable (formerly Brighthouse) channel 498, and AT&T U-verse channel 99.

You can also watch Titusville CityTV from anywhere in the world streaming over the internet at Titusville.com



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Important City Numbers		
Building Department	321.567.3760	
Business Tax Receipts (Occupational Licenses)	321.567.3782	
City Clerk	321.567.3686	
City Hall Main Number	321.567.3775	
City Hall FAX Number	321.383.5704	
City Manager's Office	321.567.3702	
Code Enforcement	321.567.3770	
Community Advocate	321.567.3689	
Customer Service (Utility Billing)	321.383.5791	
Economic Development	321.567.3774	
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	321.567.3800	
Fire Public Education	321.567.3804	
Human Resources	321.567.3728	
Jobline	321.567.3731	
Neighborhood Services	321.567.3784	
Municipal Marina	321.383.5600	
Permits	321.567.3759	
Planning Department	321.567.3782	
Police (Non-Emergency)	321.264.7800	
Police / Fire Rescue (Emergency)	911	
Solid Waste	321.383.5755	
Stormwater	321.567.3832	
Stormwater (After Hours Emergency)	888.399.1327	
Streets Maintenance	321.567.3832	
Water Field Operations (Water Main Break)	321.567.3883	
Water Main Break (After Hours Emergency)	321.383.5657	
Water Resources Conservation Program	321.383.5669	
LED Sign Information	321.567.3689	
Important Community Numbers		
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Brevard County Auto Tags	321.264.5224	
Chamber of Commerce	321.267.3036	
Department of Motor Vehicles	321.264.5224	
Florida Power and Light	800.577.1156	
City Gas Co of Florida	321.636.4644	
Social Security Office	321.633.8100	
Canaveral National Seashore	321.267.1110	
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge	321.861.0667	



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