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At the April 8, 2025 City Council Meeting, Mayor Andrew Connors presented an Official Proclamation of the City of Titusville, declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the city, and marking the 57th anniversary of the passing of the Fair Housing Act in the United States. Receiving the proclamation from Mayor Connors are members of the Space Coast Association of REALTORS, (L to R) Todd Holman, Lisa Mosier, Bob Petty, and Al Taylor.



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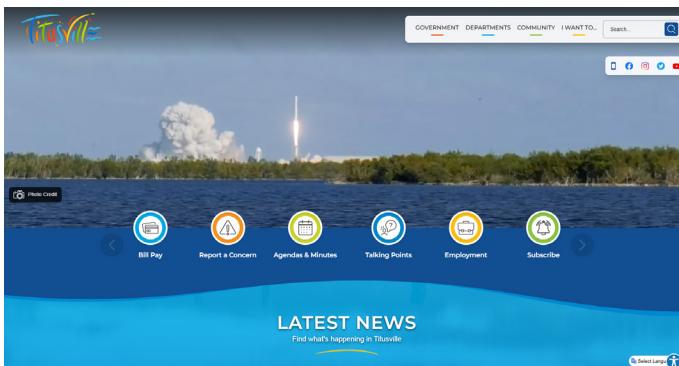


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On the Cover: A McLaren Speedtail sits at the northwest end of the former Shuttle Landing Facility (SLF) at Kennedy Space Center, waiting for its turn to race down the strip. NASA and Space Florida have been providing the facility to car companies to test their newest hypercars for several years (Photo: McLaren).

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www.Titusville.com



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Titusville Chance Partners



Site construction has begun on 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 to be located along SR 405 west of SR 407..

Blanton Park



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

TRG Self Storage



Construction continues on a 51,470-square-foot self-storage building, as well as covered outdoor RV storage located along SR 405.

Titusville ALF



A site permit has been issued for a 96,894-square-foot assisted living facility to be located along the west side of US-1 just north of Silver Star Road.

Christian Court Condominiums



A site plan is under review for 72 condominium units to be located at 450 Christian Court.

Dutch Bros Coffee



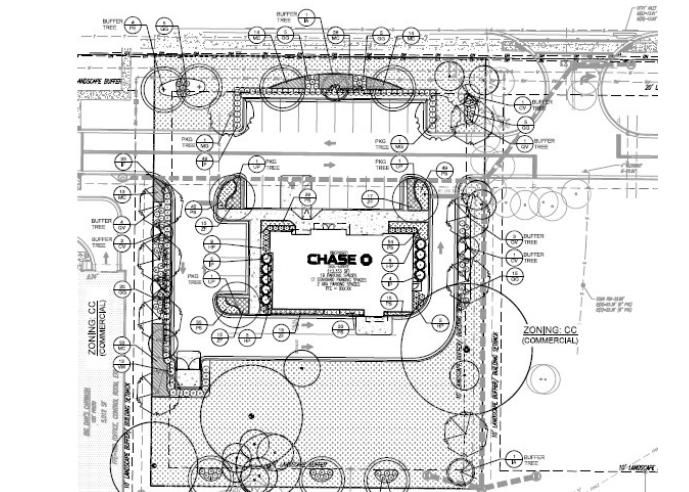
A site plan is under review for a 985-square-foot coffee shop at 4530 Hickory Hill Blvd.

Home2 Suites



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

Chase Bank



Site construction has begun for a 3,333-square-foot bank to be located at 2035 Cheney Highway.

Fox Hollow



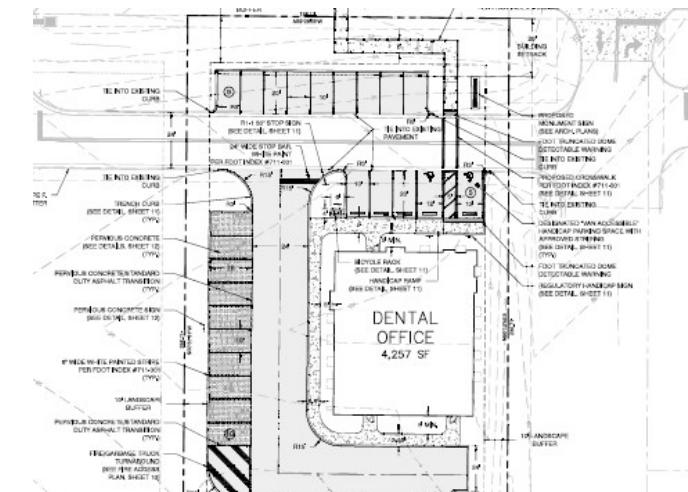
Site and building construction continue for two multi-family quadruplexes at 2311 and 2301 Fox Hollow Drive.

Draper Test Facility

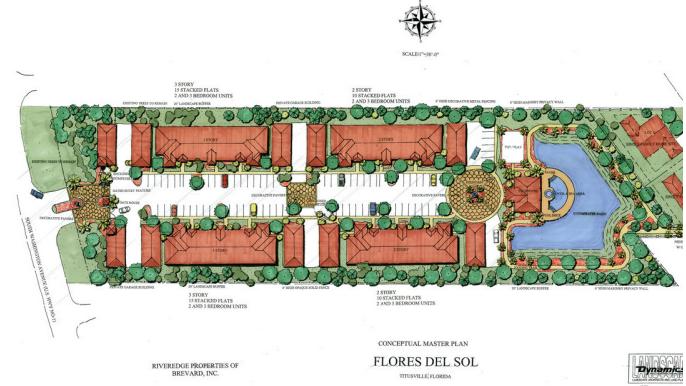


Site and building construction continues on a 50,920-square-foot laboratory building at 6280 Riverfront Center Blvd.

Heartland Dental



Site construction has begun for a 4,257-square-foot dental office at 2035 Cheney Highway.

Flores Del Sol Condominiums

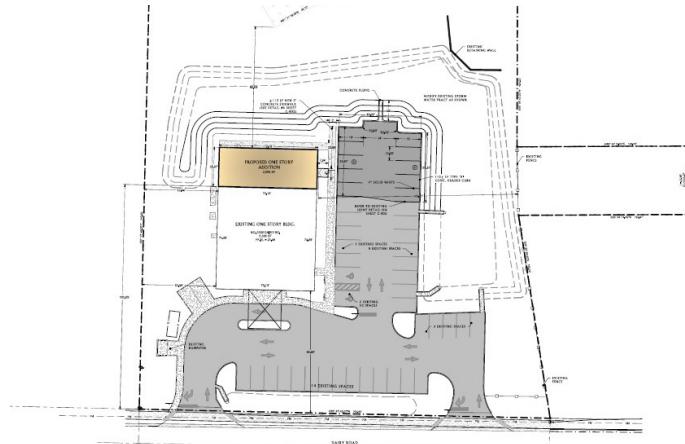
A site plan is under review for 48 condominium units to be located at 5205 S. Washington Avenue.

Valiant Air Command

Site construction is underway for a 15,268 sq. ft. event hangar at 6600 Tico Road.

Futuramic

A site plan has been approved for a 6,000-square-foot addition to an existing manufacturing building at 2210 Garden St.

Ochoa Medical Expansion

A site plan has been approved for a 2,064-square-foot medical office addition at 3300 Dairy Road.

The Shores at Tranquility

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

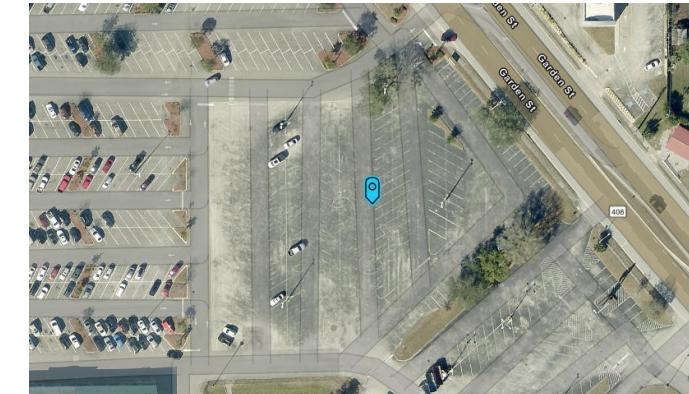
- Phase 1: Site construction is nearing completion, and single-family homes are under construction for 99 single-family homes.
- Phase 2: Site construction is underway for 104 single-family homes.
- Phase 3: A sketch plat has been approved for 75 single-family homes.
- Amenity Center: Site plans are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

Titusville Resort & Destination

Site construction continues on the redevelopment of the former Sears/Titusville Mall property into a mix-used development that will feature retail shops, a hotel, an assisted living facility, and more.

Indian River Shores Apartments

A site permit is under review for two apartment buildings with five units each to be located at 1600 Garden Street.

MAVIS

A site plan has been approved 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.

Lockheed Martin

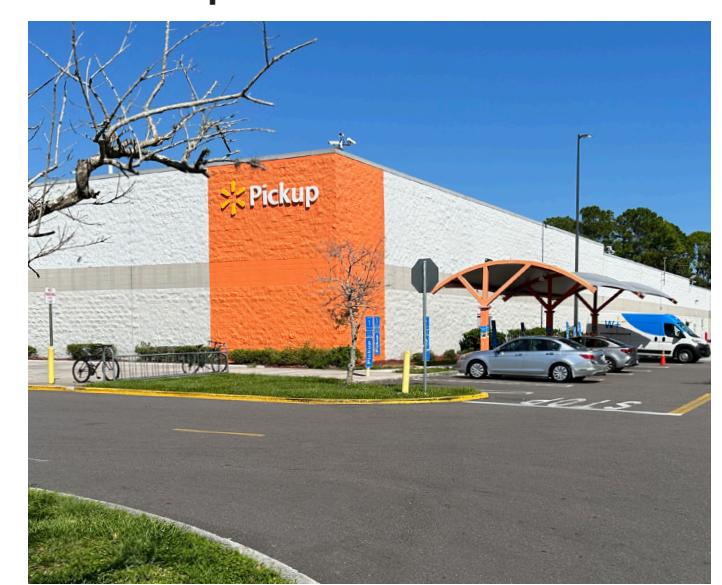
A site plan is under review for a 620,730-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse building to be located at 1103 John Glenn Blvd.

Titusville Storage

A site plan is under review for a 120,820-square-foot two-story self-storage building to be located along S. US-1.

Odyssey Ridge Townhomes

Site construction is underway and a final plat is under review for 91 townhomes along Sisson Road, south of Margie Drive.

Walmart Expansion

A site plan has been approved for a 4,607-square-foot retail store addition at 3175 Cheney Highway.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) UPDATES

CRA Grant Project - Launch Now Mixed-Use Development

The two buildings at 300-310 South Washington Avenue, both originally constructed in 1924, are contributing buildings to the National Registry of Historic Places in Titusville and a designated site within the Community Redevelopment Agency District. The buildings are over 2200 square feet and rest on .739/acre. Due to neglect, the buildings were nearly vacant in 2017. Launch Now, LLC closed on the property in 2017 and proposed the revitalization and rehabilitation of the properties to promote the economic, cultural, education, aesthetic and general welfare of the community.

By protecting, enhancing and upgrading these important historical buildings, history has been acknowledged while building for the future with the explicit goals of increasing the occupancy rates, economic vitality, and property values within the CRA. The renovation of the buildings into a mixed use of commercial and residential uses was completed in FY 2024.

This project includes twenty (20) boutique style apartments upstairs, and commercial, retail and office space on the ground floor. This project received \$140,000 in matching grant funding from the Titusville CRA, and approximately \$450,000 from the North Brevard Economic Development Zone to assist in the rehabilitation and revitalization of these historic properties. This completed project was over a \$6 million investment in historic downtown Titusville and the CRA.



TRAIN LIKE AN ASTRONAUT Walking Path



The Train Like an Astronaut Walking Path takes you on a journey through Downtown Titusville, Veteran's Park and Space View Park! Begin your adventure near the American Space Museum on Pine Street. Be on the lookout for five signs placed throughout historic Downtown Titusville that will indicate your progress toward a mile.

To check out the trail, visit Titusville.com/TrainLikeAnAstronaut



Downtown Scavenger Hunt

Search, explore, and discover Downtown Titusville on an exciting scavenger hunt! Get ready to blast off on a thrilling quest through our great city. As you explore, you'll uncover hidden gems and discover fascinating facts about our city. Make sure to take photos along the way to document your journey. Share your photos #TitusvilleScavengerHunt!

Download the map today at Titusville.com/DowntownScavengerHunt

Is It Time to Rethink The Indian River Lagoon Causeways?

Sixty years ago, engineers filled in roughly 80 football fields' worth of the Indian River Lagoon near Cape Canaveral. Their goal — create stable paths to connect elevated bridges leading to the beach. At the time, it made perfect sense.

Today, some scientists are questioning whether those thin strips of manmade land—often mistaken for causeways—are doing more harm than good.



What We Call "Causeways" Might Be Causing Problems

Technically, a causeway is a raised road built just above wet areas, not a long earthen barrier with bridges on top. Still, the term stuck, especially in areas like State Roads 520 and 528, where many pull over to watch rocket launches.

Now, some scientists believe these artificial land bridges might be contributing to the worsening health of the Indian River Lagoon, one of the most biodiverse estuaries in the world. Similar problems are appearing in other Florida coastal waters, clogged by aging infrastructure.

Are Causeways Choking the Lagoon?

Gary Zarillo, a researcher at Florida Tech, is among those studying the issue. His models suggest that removing sections of the SR 528 causeway—and potentially parts of SR 520—could significantly improve water circulation in the lagoon.

Across Brevard County, more than a dozen of these earthen strips restrict natural water flow, leading to stagnant zones. These areas often smell of rotten eggs due to the buildup of dying algae and hydrogen sulfide gas.

To explore potential solutions, Brevard County is planning a \$700,000 study that will evaluate different removal and redesign scenarios for the SR 528 causeway. The study will assess long-term benefits to water flow, wildlife, and storm resilience over the next 50 years.

Restoring Flow, Reviving the Lagoon

The Bennett Causeway over SR 528 was built in the 1960s to provide access to the barrier islands. But it also buried over 100 acres of the Banana River Lagoon, shrinking its width from over 10,000 feet to just 1,178 feet—and cutting off nearly 90% of natural water circulation in that area.

The upcoming study will examine a range of options, including:

- Full or partial removal of causeways
- Constructing new bridge spans
- Installing culverts or connection canals
- Dredging and natural restoration, like oyster beds and submerged plants

Though the project didn't make it onto this year's legislative funding requests due to its early stage, the county still plans to seek state, federal, and other local support.

Why It Matters: The Indian River Lagoon

The lagoon stretches along 40% of Florida's east coast and is home to more than 4,300 plant and animal species, many of them endangered or economically valuable. According to water management studies, every acre of seagrass supports about 40,000 fish and contributes over \$70,000 annually to the local economy.

But in 2020 and 2021, widespread seagrass die-offs caused a tragic mass starvation event for manatees, especially in Brevard County. Some experts blame the causeways for blocking the water flow that seagrass and marine life depend on.

The Debate Over Causeway Removal

Previous studies, like a 2020 analysis by the St. Johns River Water Management District, questioned the effectiveness of removing causeways. Models suggested that wind could stir up sediment on the lagoon floor, making the water cloudier and hurting seagrass recovery.

However, more recent research, including a successful removal of part of the Courtney Campbell Causeway in Tampa Bay, shows promise. That project, completed in 2018 at a cost of \$13 million, led to improved water quality and circulation.

Florida Tech's Zarillo believes earlier models underestimated key factors, like the influence of the Gulf Stream on lagoon dynamics. He says restoring natural flow could improve water exchange between the lagoon and the ocean, and even enhance hurricane evacuation by raising low-lying sections of road.

"There are lots of reasons to raise the causeways," Zarillo said. "It's not just about the ecosystem. It's about safety."

Where Innovation Takes **FLIGHT!**

Florida's Launch and Landing Facility Positions State as Global Aerospace Hub

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — On the edge of Florida's famed Space Coast, a once government-only runway is quietly shaping the future of space commerce. The Launch and Landing Facility (LLF), managed by Space Florida under a 30-year agreement with NASA, has become a cornerstone in the state's evolving aerospace economy — and a magnet for innovation.

With its 15,000-foot runway — one of the longest in the world — the LLF is now open to commercial customers, marking a sharp shift from its origins as a shuttle landing strip. Development at the site is designed to ensure Florida's leadership in the global space race continues, adding new capabilities and drawing a growing list of partners to the world's busiest spaceport.

Over the last four years, approximately \$63.8 million in state and federal grant funding has fueled rapid expansion at the facility. Backed by the Florida Department of Transportation through the Florida Spaceport Improvement Program, investments have included a mile-long utility corridor completed in 2022, opening new ground leasing opportunities for prospective tenants. Additional enhancements have focused on land preparation, Hangar Road construction to improve emergency access, and a completed wetland mitigation project.

The result is a facility now capable of supporting a wide array of activity, from suborbital flight training and satellite processing to horizontal takeoffs and landings by both aircraft and spacecraft. In 2023 alone, the LLF supported over 400 landings and departures, with missions including NASA's Crew 5, 6, and 7, SpaceX's CRS-25 and CRS-27, and the Axiom 2 crewed launch.

The LLF has also attracted a diverse group of tenants. Amazon's Project Kuiper has invested nearly \$140 million so far, which includes a satellite processing facility on site, supporting its plans to bring broadband to underserved regions via a new constellation in low Earth orbit.



Aerial view of Project Kuiper processing facility near the north end of the Launch and Landing Facility at Kennedy Space Center. (Photo: Amazon)

"Expanding investments in Project Kuiper's infrastructure at Space Florida's Launch and Landing Facility not only reinforces our commitment to delivering reliable broadband connectivity to unserved and underserved communities worldwide, but also strengthens Florida's position as a hub for space innovation and job creation," said Brian Huseman, Amazon's vice president for public policy and community engagement. "We extend our sincere appreciation to Governor Ron DeSantis, Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, and Space Florida CEO Rob Long for their leadership, and look forward to helping pave the way for a more connected future."

The LLF also serves as the arrival hub for delivery of heat shield's for Lockheed Martin's Orion crew module as part of NASA's Artemis project, while United Launch Alliance manages rocket stage deliveries. Supersonic jet firm Starfighters uses the runway for small satellite launches, and even automotive giants like Tesla, McLaren, Bugatti, and Volvo conduct aerodynamic testing and vehicle design enhancement research at the facility for their newest hypercars.

To support both its growing user base and its long-term vision, Space Florida continues to invest in infrastructure enhancements including land development for future tenants, runway access improvements, and significant power upgrades to nearby Launch Complex 46 to support both commercial and Department of Defense initiatives.

Looking ahead, the LLF offers prime aerospace-designed land for development, with opportunities for hangars, manufacturing, fueling stations, and passenger and operations facilities. The site's proximity

to rail lines makes it a strategic location for both orbital and suborbital operations, crewed or uncrewed.

Environmental responsibility is also woven into the facility's growth strategy. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Space Florida has completed an Environmental Assessment to support sustainable development and future FAA license modifications. With its strategic location, modernized infrastructure, and commitment to environmental stewardship, the Launch and Landing Facility is positioning Florida not just as a launchpad — but as the engine room of a global aerospace future.



Workers unload the Orion Service Module at Kennedy Space Center's Launch and Landing Facility. (Photo: NASA/Glenn Benson)

About Space Florida

Space Florida is where leading aerospace companies get everything they need to see their new ideas take off. As the state's independent aerospace finance and development authority, Space Florida brings a mix of unrivaled experience, unmatched financial tools, and unbeatable location to the table by providing critical business financing opportunities for the aerospace industry, managing infrastructure investment in the state's spaceport system, and facilitating research and development, workforce, education, and investment programs.



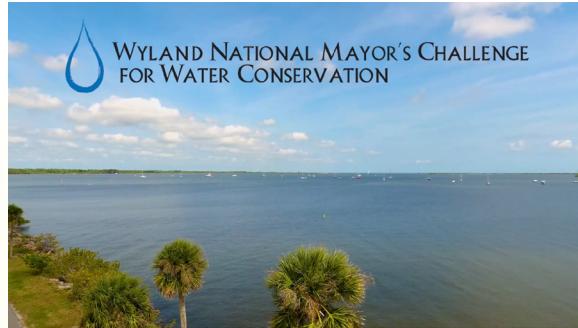
Above: The Bugatti uses the LLF as a test strip for its Chiron hypercar (Photo: Bugatti). Below: An aerial photo looking southeast over the LLF (Photo: SpaceFlorida).

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Building a Greener Titusville!

The City of Titusville is committed to creating a resilient and thriving future. Whether it's the Indian River Lagoon or the tree canopies that cover our town, the City is constantly investing in projects to improve the environment. Here's a peak at just some of our initiatives:



The City is excited to announce their participation in the 2025 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. This is a friendly competition between cities across the US to see who can be the most "water-wise." Mayors nationwide are challenging their residents to conserve water, energy and other natural resources on behalf of their city through a series of informative, easy-to-use pledges online. Cities are judged in categories based on population, and participants in the winning cities are eligible to win hundreds of prizes.

For more information, go to MyWaterPledge.com.



Installation of tree boxes downtown has begun. Tree boxes are a type of green stormwater infrastructure that are designed to collect the first flush of stormwater and treat it prior to discharge into the storm sewer system or to the subsoil. The structure is a pre-manufactured concrete box which is installed in-ground, filled with soil media and planted with native, non-invasive tree or shrub. The tree box functions as a compact bioretention system, which is a green infrastructure or low impact development stormwater control best management practice (BMP). In urban or built-out areas where space is limited, tree boxes can fit within a small existing footprint and as retrofit projects.

The City has received grant funding to install tree boxes near the Commons, City Hall, Brevard St. and Grace St. The project should be completed by the end of 2025.



Work has begun on the Scobie Park living shoreline project. In partnership with the Brevard Zoo and the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary program grant funds were received to design and install a living shoreline at Scobie Park. The first phase of this project will include placing sand along the shoreline to repair erosion damage from the recent hurricanes and also installing coquina rock wave breaks in the water to help lessen future erosion.

The second phase will include planting of native grasses and mangroves along the shoreline to help stabilize shorelines, reduce erosion, and provide valuable habitat to enhance coastal resilience.



The City completed construction of two more baffle boxes designed to help the Indian River Lagoon. One along Hamilton Ave and the other at the end of Tuscarora Rd. The Nutrient Separating Baffle Box is a highly recognized storm water treatment system with two treatment zones. The first is a screen system that captures and holds leaves, trash, and debris and contains them within the box until they are cleaned out through regular maintenance. The second is a filtration system that includes a biosorption activated media to capture dissolved pollutants including nitrogen and phosphorus.

The city received grant funding for construction of both baffle boxes. This brings the number of baffle boxes installed in the City to 20.



Reaffirming its commitment to the environment, the City of Titusville has begun investing in a new fleet of hybrid vehicles in the first phase of a program intended to eventually replace its older fleet of traditional cars and trucks. This comes as the demand for reliable work vehicles has grown in recent years in conjunction with increased departmental workloads that has pushed the aging, fully gasoline-powered fleet to its limits.

Titusville City Council Members and city administrative leadership initiated this pivotal first step forward last year by investing in 20 hybrid vehicles. The new hybrid Ford F150 truck fleet is powered by two distinct modes of power: an internal combustion engine, and an electric motor for propulsion, a combination which has proven to increase fuel efficiency and reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses resulting in lower air pollution.

"The city's increased pursuit for implementing Titusville's sustainability action plan prompted our fleet replacement schedule to include hybrid vehicles," said Public Works Operations Director Sandra Reller. "Our hardworking team members appreciate this conscientious eco-friendly initiative and are excited to operate these new vehicles while they work

to serve our community," added Reller.

This decision represents an upgrade and represents a powerful commitment to sustainability, reducing the city's dependency on fossil fuels and embracing the future of electrification. Currently, there are 14 new replacement hybrid vehicles in use by the Public Works Department, and their team members are better equipped to tackle essential tasks and ensure a cleaner, more efficient, and resilient community.



Land of Enchantment



Nestled in the southern part of Titusville, the Enchanted Forest is a hidden gem where towering trees and vibrant plant life create a serene, almost magical escape. Spanning 470 acres, the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary preserves a variety of natural habitats while offering educational experiences and a peaceful retreat for visitors of all ages. Conveniently located off Columbia Boulevard, it's an ideal destination for both locals and tourists to connect with Florida's native wildlife and explore its natural beauty.

Exploring the Sanctuary

A world of discovery awaits at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. Visitors can explore miles of scenic hiking trails beneath a lush canopy of trees—perfect for nature walks, photography, and quiet reflection. Along these tranquil paths, native flora and fauna from both temperate and subtropical zones thrive together, creating a uniquely diverse ecosystem.

The sanctuary features an array of natural habitats, including mesic and hydric hammocks, oak scrub, scrubby flatwoods, basin swamp and marsh, ruderal zones, and depression marshes. Wildlife sightings are frequent, with species such as the Eastern indigo snake, Florida scrub lizard, gopher tortoise, white-tailed deer, and the elusive bobcat all making appearances. Birdwatchers can delight in spotting the Magnolia Warbler, Downy Woodpecker, and Cooper's Hawk soaring overhead. Insect enthusiasts will also enjoy the colorful array of butterflies and dragonflies, especially in the educational garden near the center.

Eight unique trails wind through the sanctuary, ranging from the gentle 0.1-mile Enchanted Crossing to the more immersive 1.1-mile Magnolia Loop. Each trail offers scenic views and amenities like benches, interpretive kiosks, and overlooks. These trails are popular for hiking, picnicking, and geocaching.

At the heart of the sanctuary lies the Management & Education Center, a hub of learning and engagement. Designed to captivate visitors of all ages, the center includes interactive exhibits, a discovery room, a gift shop, restrooms, and a reference library for those eager to dive deeper into Florida's ecosystems. Outside, visitors can enjoy a vibrant butterfly garden and a screened amphitheater, ideal for outdoor educational programs.



Blending natural beauty with community-centered features, the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary also hosts a variety of local events—from plant sales and trail runs to arts and crafts nights and environmental fundraisers.



For a Good Cause

The success of the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is rooted in Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program, which founded and continues to manage the site. Established in 1990, the EEL Program aims to protect Brevard County's natural habitats by acquiring environmentally sensitive lands for conservation, environmental education, and passive recreation.

This initiative ensures the preservation of the region's rich biodiversity for generations to come. In partnership with the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, the sanctuary provides hands-on educational opportunities for all visitors—keeping admission to both the sanctuary and education center free and open to the public.

The EEL Program works closely with federal, state, and local partners committed to conserving natural resources and enhancing the region's quality of life. Sanctuaries under EEL management are carefully maintained to protect native habitats and support passive recreational activities such as hiking and wildlife observation, fostering a deep connection between people and nature.

The Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit composed of dedicated volunteers passionate about conservation and education. Their mission is to advocate for the protection of this unique natural area, raise public awareness about its ecological value, and provide volunteer support and funding to sustain the sanctuary for the long term.

Volunteers play a vital role in day-to-day operations, contributing their time and talents to tasks like greeting visitors, leading interpretive tours, managing exhibits, maintaining trails, and removing invasive species. Others assist with landscaping, photography, repairs, grant writing, newsletter creation, event planning, and even serving on organizational boards and committees. Their efforts ensure the sanctuary remains a vibrant, welcoming space for education, recreation, and conservation.



Get Involved

To volunteer, contact the Friends of the Enchanted Forest at friendsefs@gmail.com or call 321-264-5185. Whether you're passionate about conservation, education, or simply love nature, your help makes a difference.



WOMEN'S CENTER of Brevard

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Women's Center of Brevard and the Indian River Preserve Golf Club recently hosted events to raise funds and awareness for the important cause of addressing the needs of women, men and children who have faced trauma related to domestic violence & sexual assault by giving them a step up towards safe, healthy, self-sufficient lives:

"The Women's Center of Brevard has been a pillar of support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community for the past 50 years. Through our comprehensive, free services—including crisis intervention, safe housing, mental health counseling, and more—we empower women and children to break the cycle of abuse and rebuild their lives. As Brevard County's only rape crisis center, we are committed to offering specialized care and ensuring survivors have access to the resources they need to heal."

Our 12th Annual Super Bowl of Trivia, held on March 29, 2025, marks a special milestone as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. This golden-themed event is our signature fundraiser and plays a crucial role in raising the funds needed to continue offering our free services to survivors. The evening will feature exciting trivia hosted by Frank "Alligator" Robb, a silent auction, a Golden Threads Costume Contest, and much more. Community support through events like this is vital to our mission, and we invite you to join us in making a meaningful difference for survivors in Brevard County."

~ Heather Profit, Community Relations Manager,
Women's Center of Brevard



"At Indian River Preserve, we're all about bringing people together—whether it's through a round of golf, a lively event, or a shared moment that leaves a lasting memory. For us, it's not just about the activities; it's about building a community where everyone feels welcome and valued. One of the ways we do that is by opening our doors to fundraising groups, offering an affordable space for private events and golf tournaments that help them make a real difference. We team up with our community partners to keep costs down and spirits high, ensuring every fundraiser is a win for the causes that matter."

Every month, our calendar buzzes with events that bring out the best in our community. From school groups and pilot clubs to rotary clubs, the Chamber of Commerce, PMC, smaller nonprofits, and the Women's Center of Brevard, we're proud to be a place where good things happen. It's a privilege to watch these groups come together, creating experiences that are as meaningful as they are fun, all while raising funds for the causes they care about. Seeing the energy and heart they pour into their work is what keeps us going.

If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to have you. Whether you're thinking about sponsoring an event, lending a hand as a volunteer, joining us as a guest, or pitching in with a donation, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm Marsha Gault, the Sales Director with Indian River, I would be thrilled to chat with you about how you can join our growing family of supporters.

On March 29, 2025, we had the honor of hosting the Women's Center of Brevard's 50th Anniversary fundraising trivia night. Their team poured everything into making it a night to remember, and their passion just lit up the room. It was a reminder of why we do what we do. A huge thank-you to every volunteer, sponsor, and attendee who made it such a success—your support ripples through our community in ways that truly matter.

Here's to more moments like these—together, we're making a difference, one event at a time."

~ Marsha Gault, Sales Director,
Indian River Preserve



Healing Hands

ADDINGTON PLACE OF TITUSVILLE CAREGIVER RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION IN SENIOR CARE

Adrianna Thorsen inducted into the Frontline Honors Class of 2024 for her ingenuity and compassion.

TITUSVILLE, FL (February 27, 2025) — Adrianna Thorsen, a dedicated caregiver at Addington Place of Titusville, has been selected for the 2024 Frontline Honors Class in the Senior Housing category. Presented by WTH Healthcare and Senior Housing News, this recognition celebrates frontline professionals who lead with empathy, inspire their teams and enrich the lives of those they serve.

"Adrianna's compassion and leadership embody the core values of Addington Place," said Peter Rost, executive director of Addington Place. "Her ability to form deep connections with residents, mentor caregivers and bring joy to our community makes her truly deserving of this honor."

For nearly seven years, Thorsen has been a trusted presence at Addington Place, known for her intuitive approach to care and ability to foster meaningful relationships. She leads by example, mentoring new caregivers and demonstrating that exceptional care is not only about meeting needs but also about creating moments of connection that enhance daily life.

When a resident withdrew from social activities, Thorsen didn't pressure him to participate. Instead, she made time for casual conversations, created small opportunities for connection and ensured he always felt included. In time, he rejoined group activities, starting with a game of mini golf with neighbors.

Her colleagues frequently recognize her contributions through Addington Accolades, a peer-driven recognition program, describing her as a "team player" and "Energizer Bunny" who is always eager to help. "Adrianna brightens every life she touches," shared one coworker. "Her kindness, creativity and positivity make a difference every day."

Beyond her role as a caregiver, Thorsen also takes initiative in shaping the resident experience. During the community's annual Cruise Week, she led a celebration of her home country, Colombia, handcrafting decorations, sourcing traditional treats and teaching the director of resident programming a native folk dance, which they later performed for residents. Her family joined in, wearing traditional attire she sewed herself, making the event even more memorable.

"Adrianna goes above and beyond her daily responsibilities to support this community," said Natasha Quinn, health and wellness director at Addington Place of Titusville. "She puts in extra effort and time to create meaningful experiences that residents truly enjoy and look forward to."

Thorsen's recognition highlights the profound impact that compassionate caregivers have, reinforcing Addington Place of



Adrianna Thorsen has been an employee of Addington Place for nearly seven years.

Titusville's mission to cultivate a team that enriches residents' lives every day. "Adrianna sets a high bar for all of us," Quinn added. "Her passion for caregiving is felt in every interaction, shaping the way we support one another and the residents we serve."

Thorsen has nearly two decades of experience in healthcare and senior care, beginning in hospital support services before transitioning to home health and caregiving. She worked as a home health aide at Patriot Homecare and in private care before joining Addington Place of Titusville in 2018, where she has become a trusted caregiver and mentor.

The Frontline Honors recognize individuals across various sectors, including senior housing, skilled nursing and home health, who set new standards for care through innovation and dedication. To learn more about the Frontline Honors Class of 2024, visit the Frontline Honors website.

About Addington Place of Titusville

Nestled along the Indian River, Addington Place of Titusville is a vibrant senior living community known for its exceptional care and welcoming atmosphere. Offering assisted living and memory care, the community provides personalized support from an experienced team dedicated to enhancing residents' well-being. With scenic views, chef-prepared dining and a warm, engaging environment, Addington Place of Titusville offers a senior living experience that feels like home. For more information, visit:

SeniorLifestyle.com/Florida/Addington-Place-of-Titusville/



Titusville opens Fire Station 14, strengthening community safety.

Five fire stations now protect Titusville as the city opened its first new station in four decades — Fire Station 14 — during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 28. On hand to mark this significant milestone in public safety were city leaders, residents, and public safety officials, and members of local media.

Among those in attendance were Mayor Andrew Connors, Vice Mayor Col. Herman Cole, USAF (Ret.), and Council Members Megan Moscoso, Jo Lynn Nelson, and Sarah Stoeckel and many other. Their collective presence underscored the city's unified commitment to strengthening emergency response and safeguarding a rapidly growing community.

Strategic Location and Enhanced Coverage

Located at 1100 John Glenn Boulevard, Fire Station 14 is strategically positioned to improve response times across Titusville's southern corridor, including key residential communities like Verona and Tranquility Shores, and major transit routes such as U.S. 1, State Road 407, I-95, and access points near the Space Coast Regional Airport.

The new facility is staffed 24/7 by a dedicated crew of three firefighters and an emergency response vehicle. Sharing its perimeter with the Titusville Police Department Headquarters, the station enhances interagency coordination and reinforces a comprehensive approach to public safety.

"This station allows us to provide faster and more efficient coverage to the southeastern sector of Titusville," said Fire Chief John Hustoles during the ceremony. "It reflects our ongoing mission to ensure that residents and businesses receive the highest standard of fire and emergency medical services."



Titusville Fire Chief John Hustoles welcomes guests to the opening of Fire Station 14.



Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community

As Titusville continues to experience residential and commercial growth, the demand for expanded emergency services has grown in tandem. The opening of Fire Station 14 is part of a broader vision to modernize public safety infrastructure while meeting the city's future needs.

Mayor Connors highlighted the importance of this development: "This station represents more than just bricks and mortar—it's a symbol of our commitment to protect lives, property, and the future of our city."

"Our city is evolving," said Vice Mayor Cole, noting the connection between growth and preparedness, "With that evolution comes a responsibility to ensure our emergency services are equipped to grow with it."

Council Member Jo Lynn Nelson emphasized the community value of the investment: "Fire Station 14 stands as a promise to our residents, a proactive step that ensures families, businesses, and visitors alike are protected and supported."

Looking Ahead

Fire Station 14 is more than a physical addition—it represents Titusville's proactive approach to safety, growth, and resilience. As the city continues to expand, its leadership remains focused on equipping first responders with the tools, facilities, and resources necessary to serve and protect.

LOCKHEED MARTIN

EXPANDS OPERATIONS IN TITUSVILLE

Global defense technology company Lockheed Martin has announced plans to build a new 225,000 sq. ft. manufacturing and assembly facility in Titusville's Enterprise Park area, as it prepares to fulfill a decades-long contract with the U.S. Navy for the Trident II D5 missile Strategic Weapons Systems. The project is expected to create 300 new jobs for the area, and result in the stationing of over 100 military personnel at the site. In a recent press conference, the company credited assistance it received from the Florida Department of Commerce, the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC), and the North Brevard Economic Development Zone (NBEDZ), the latter of which provided a local financial incentive to make the project possible. It is projected that the average annual wage per job created for this project will exceed \$89,000.

Referred to as Project "Topaz" during the search process to identify a site for the production facility, "Topaz" builds upon a 2016 decision by the company to relocate its Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) program from California to the Titusville area, a move effected in 2019; that project, which resulted in more than 320 new jobs created locally, also received a financial inducement from the NBEDZ, under the project name "Landmark."



The D5 missile is the most advanced ballistic missile in the world and is currently aboard U.S. OHIO-class and U.K. VANGUARD-class submarines. In 2025, Lockheed Martin will mark 70 years of support to the U.S. Navy as a prime contractor in developing and sustaining the missiles that form the backbone of the nation's sea-based deterrence through the company's FBM program. For more information on the company's defense sector work, visit www.LockheedMartin.com.

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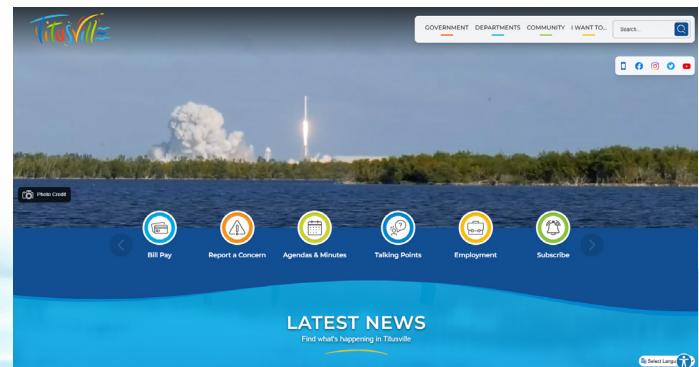
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Volunteers with the First United Methodist Church located at 206 South Hopkins Avenue have been busy planting seeds in their community garden just west of the church. This outreach provides free vegetables to all community members. The fruits of their labor will be in bloom in approximately 6 to 8 weeks and ready for harvest.









City Fleet is Going Green

Reaffirming its commitment to environmental sustainability, the City of Titusville has begun investing in a new fleet of hybrid vehicles in the first phase of a program intended to eventually replace its older fleet of traditional cars and trucks. This comes as the demand for reliable work vehicles has grown in recent years in conjunction with increased departmental workloads that has pushed the aging, fully gasoline-powered fleet to its limits.

Titusville City Council Members and city administrative leadership initiated this pivotal first step forward last year by investing in 20 hybrid vehicles. The new hybrid Ford F150 truck fleet is powered by two distinct modes of power: an internal combustion engine, and an electric motor for propulsion, a combination which has proven to increase fuel efficiency and reduce the emission of greenhouse gasses resulting in lower air pollution.

"The city's increased pursuit for implementing Titusville's sustainability action plan prompted our fleet replacement schedule to include hybrid vehicles," said Public Works

Titusville Launches New CivicPlus® Website that Offers Convenient Resident Access to Self-Service Features and Greater Transparency

Titusville, FL – March 31, 2025 – Titusville has partnered with CivicPlus®, a provider of integrated technology solutions exclusively for local governments, to launch a redesigned, mobile-responsive, highly-functional civic website. CivicPlus' content management system will allow Titusville to accomplish greater transparency of documents and data for residents through its set of robust features, modernized 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 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.

Titusville.com is a tool that will continue to grow and evolve to meet the needs of the community.

Operations Director Sandra Reller. "Our hardworking team members appreciate this conscientious eco-friendly initiative and are excited to operate these new vehicles while they work to serve our community," added Reller.

This decision represents an upgrade and represents a powerful commitment to sustainability, reducing the city's dependency on fossil fuels and embracing the future of electrification. Currently, there are 14 new replacement hybrid vehicles in use by the Public Works Department, and their team members are better equipped to tackle essential tasks and ensure a cleaner, more efficient, and resilient community.



FlashVote



Do you have about one minute a month to help make Titusville better?

The City of Titusville is working with FlashVote to engage the community and gather valuable input from residents to inform our decisions. We encourage residents to sign up here now: <https://www.flashvote.com/titusvillefl> or call 775-235-2240 to participate by phone or text only.

Sign up takes less than one minute and your input is always kept anonymous. Personal or demographic information collected by FlashVote is never shared with the City or anyone else. When residents sign up, they can determine how surveys are received – whether by email, text or phone call. They will receive a notification whenever there is a new survey, and they will have 48 hours to participate before voting closes. Once a survey is closed, everyone who participated will automatically receive a summary of the overall results and be able to see how their responses compare to the group.

"We're very excited to use the input collected in these surveys to inform decision making at the City in ways that serve our residents better," said Tom Abbate, Interim City Manager.

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Go to <https://titusville.com/3017/Community-Pet-Alert-Sticker> for more information.

CODE ENFORCEMENT HOSTS FIRST STAR PARTY

On February 22, 2025, the Titusville Code Enforcement Department, in partnership with the American Space Museum and Brevard Astronomical Society, hosted the City's first Star Party! Several exhibitors attended and provided STEM focused educational opportunities for our community.

Before sunset attendees were provided with the opportunity to take part in a space themed Scavenger Hunt around Downtown Titusville or walk a mile on the Train Like An Astronaut pathway.

The most exciting part of the Star Party happened after the sun went down! Astronomers set up several telescopes along the edge of Veteran's Memorial Park for the public to star gaze. The night proved to be overcast, however, patience paid off. Those that stayed late enough to wait for the cloud cover to clear were treated to an amazing view of Jupiter's four largest moons!

Titusville Code Enforcement is excited for the next Star Party, November 2025!

If you would like to "Train Like an Astronaut" and/or experience the "Downtown Titusville Scavenger Hunt" check out page 5 of this magazine.



Titusville Launches Interactive Property Platform to Support Economic Growth

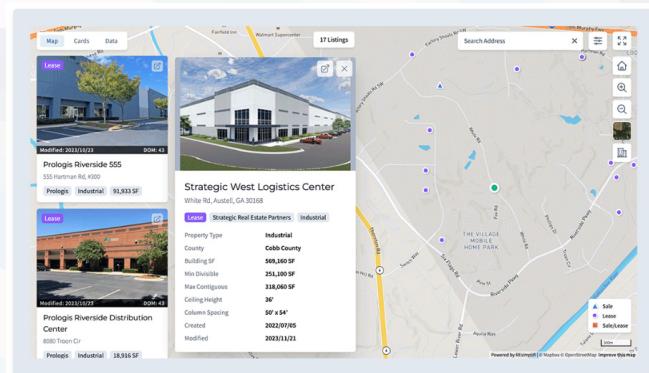
The City of Titusville is proud to announce the upcoming implementation of an innovative digital platform that will enhance how we market available properties for economic development. The City will be launching ReSimplifi, a state-of-the-art real estate listing software designed specifically for economic development purposes.

parcel data, available square footage, and realtor contact information—all in one convenient location. By consolidating and updating this information in real time, the platform will significantly streamline the site selection process and increase visibility for our local property listings.

This initiative reflects the City's ongoing commitment to supporting smart growth, economic opportunity, and community engagement. By equipping our website with cutting-edge technology, we are creating new pathways for investment, expanding our digital reach, and making it easier than ever for businesses to see why Titusville is the ideal place to grow.

The launch of ReSimplifi is scheduled for this spring. We look forward to sharing more updates as we prepare to go live with this exciting new feature.

For more information about economic development initiatives in Titusville, please visit www.YESTitusvilleFL.com



This new software will be featured directly on the City's Economic Development landing page and will serve as a powerful tool for developers, site selectors, and prospective investors. The user-friendly, interactive interface will allow visitors to view a comprehensive, real-time inventory of commercial and industrial properties available for sale or lease within the City of Titusville and the broader North Brevard area.

ReSimplifi offers an intuitive and dynamic experience, displaying critical property details such as pricing, zoning classifications,



City of Titusville Water Quality Projects

	Acres Treated	Year Complete	Ibs/Year of Nitrogen Removed	Ibs/Year of Phosphorus Removed
Completed Projects				
Spaceview Park Stormwater Pond	110.7	2007	571.36	143
Area 1 Stormwater Improvements	432.6	2010	1,334.35	365.13
Chain of Lakes Stormwater Ponds	340.1	2010	759.2	191.22
Senior Center Stormwater Ponds	570.6	2011	81.54	10.2
St Johns St Baffle Box	955	2014	1,553.25	175.73
Senior Center Ponds Floating Islands	570.6	2015	447.4	58.4
Draa Field Pond Floating Islands	105.1	2016	256.4	38.4
Draa Field Stormwater Pond	105.1	2016	394.41	103.46
Main St Baffle Box	296	2018	2,136.69	337.62
Roger Dr (Sycamore) Baffle Box	300	2018	2,051.97	329
Knox McRae Baffle Box	39	2018	308.47	51.65
Miracle City Baffle Box	5.2	2018	10.9	1.2
Wager Ave (South St) Baffle Box	67	2019	494.1	78.3
Issac Campbell (South St) Baffle Box	67	2019	494.1	78.3
Palmetto Ave (South St) Baffle Box	67	2019	494.1	78.3
St Teresa Baffle Box	738	2019	4,728.51	761.71
La Paloma Baffle Box	546	2019	3,533.86	562.52
Coleman Pond Floating Islands	699.2	2019	636.77	93.96
Osprey Pond Floating Islands	271.2	2020	259.7	37.8
THS Baffle Box	239	2021	1,498.2	235.5
Sand Point Park Pond Floating Islands	70	2021	56.4	7.6
Marina Park Pond Floating Islands	25	2021	54.67	7.42
Draa Field Vegetation Harvesting	N/A	2021	785.56	98.68
West St Baffle Box	644	2023	1,992.38	610.85
Blanton Park Baffle Box	211	2023	1296	260
Sand Point Park Baffle Box	70	2023	438	70
Osprey Reclamation Nutrient Removal	N/A	2023	15,210	342
Riverfront Center Baffle Boxes	202	2024	679	160
Hollow Glen Basin Baffle Box	285	2025	446	67
Hamilton Ave Baffle Box	585	2025	1550	209
Projects Underway				
Commons/City Hall Tree Boxes	12		80	15
Brevard Street Tree Boxes	18		120	21
Grace Street Tree Boxes	18		112	21
Tennessee St Baffle Box	673		1,442	240
Coleman Pond Circulator	673		353	92
Osprey Pond Circulator	315		242	44

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Drive Sober, Drive Safe

The City of Titusville is growing at a tremendous rate with more people calling our city home and joining our growing community. The Kennedy Space Center also brings a healthy amount of tourism to our beautiful city. With the increased number of motorists on our city streets, it is important to acknowledge the dangers of impaired driving.

Drunk driving is a serious offense that endangers not only the driver but also passengers, pedestrians, and other motorists. Alcohol impairs judgment, slows reaction time, and reduces coordination, making it difficult to operate a vehicle safely. With more visitors and residents on the roadways, the risk of alcohol-related accidents increases, making DUI enforcement a critical public safety measure.

Comparing traffic statistics between January 2024 through March 2024 to traffic statistics between January 2025 through March 2025, significant gains in traffic safety were achieved in the side-by-side year analysis.

- Traffic Crashes with Injuries Decreased by 25%.
- Traffic Crashes without Injuries Decreased by 1.5%
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests by the Traffic Unit Increased by 83%.

Florida has strict penalties for those convicted of DUI. For a first offense, drivers face fines between \$500 and \$1,000, up to six months

in jail, license suspension for up to a year, and mandatory DUI school. Penalties increase for repeat offenses, including higher fines, longer jail sentences, and the installation of an ignition interlock device. If a DUI results in property damage, injury, or death, the charges escalate to felonies with severe consequences. To avoid these risks, drivers should always plan ahead by designating a sober driver or using alternative transportation.

The Titusville Police Department is dedicated to enforcing traffic laws, educating motorists and keeping our roadways safe and free of impaired drivers. DRIVE SAFE TITUSVILLE!



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is a proactive approach to reducing criminal opportunity via thoughtful design implementation. The main goal of CPTED is to create and design environments where our residents feel safe and secure.

CPTED practitioners consider the following aspects of site design – Natural Surveillance, Natural Access Control, Territorial Reinforcement and Maintenance. An emerging fifth consideration is Social Management. In 2021, Titusville Code Enforcement sent personnel to the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute to obtain Florida CPTED Practitioner (FCP) designations. Upon receiving FCP designations Code Enforcement staff began developing a CPTED program. Components of this program include complimentary Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Site Surveys and Consultations, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Site Plan Review and a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Guidebook that is available in print and electronic format.

CPTED Site Surveys are confidential and exempt from public disclosure, schedule your Site Survey or Consultation today by emailing codeenforcement@titusville.com or calling 321-567-3770.



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TITUSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TFD Participates in St. Baldrick's Children's Cancer Foundation Big Shave Event

On March 15th, Titusville Fire was honored and proud to participate for our 12th year in the St. Baldrick's Foundation Big Shave at The Avenue Viera. Thanks to a generous community effort, Team Titusville Fire was able to raise over \$7,000 to help fund childhood cancer research! Thanks to Printboy for bringing the best t-shirt design we have ever had to life and to Beef 'O' Brady's Titusville for hosting our proceeds night.

THANK YOU again to all who donated to this very worthwhile cause. Together over the past 12 years we have raised over \$116,000 for childhood cancer research!



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The first 200 Expectant Moms & New Moms that register will receive a swag bag filled with baby items and resources!

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Saturday, May 3rd at The Grove Church in Titusville. Interested vendors and sponsors can register at <Titusville.com/NBGBSRules>

To purchase a raffle item off our Amazon wish list visit: <Titusville.com/NBGBSWishlist>

For more information, contact Kim Severson at 321-615-0073.

Chow's Country Buffet

A new buffet-style restaurant has opened at 3125 Columbia Blvd.

NASA Causeway Bridge

The new NASA Causeway Bridge was completed in March, six months ahead of schedule according to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

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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