

# TITUSVILLE Talking Points



October 2025



## Road to Progress

*Projects that are shaping our city*



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Contractors continue road repaving along Beatrice Street as part of the City's ongoing infrastructure improvement projects.



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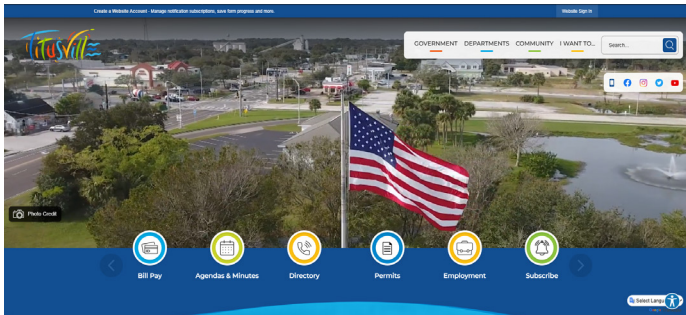


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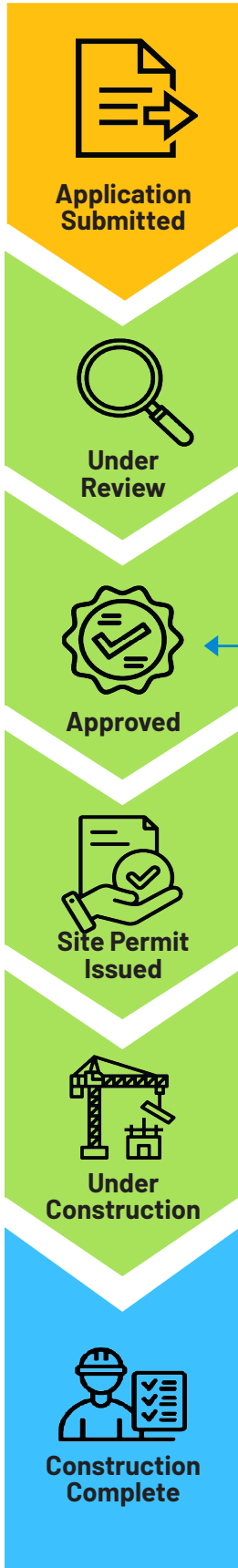
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# Applications For Development

New Projects, Status Updates, or Status Changes



**Palmetto Ridge**  
A site plan has been approved for 36 condominium units to be located at 915 Sprout Lane.



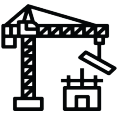
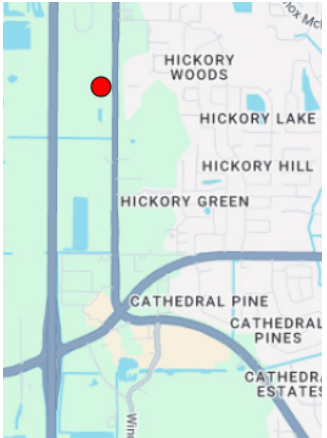
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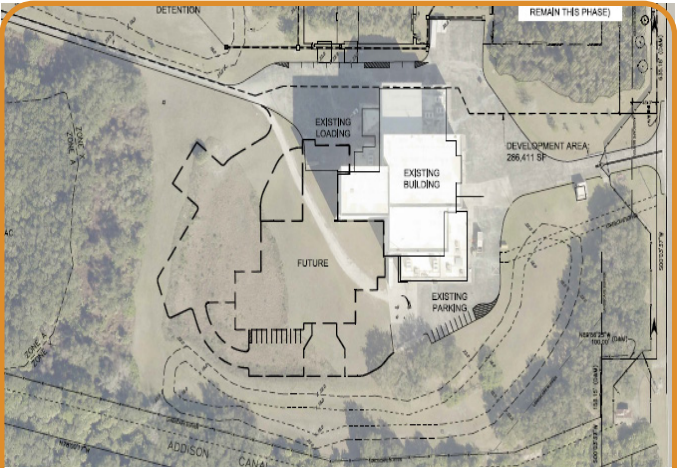
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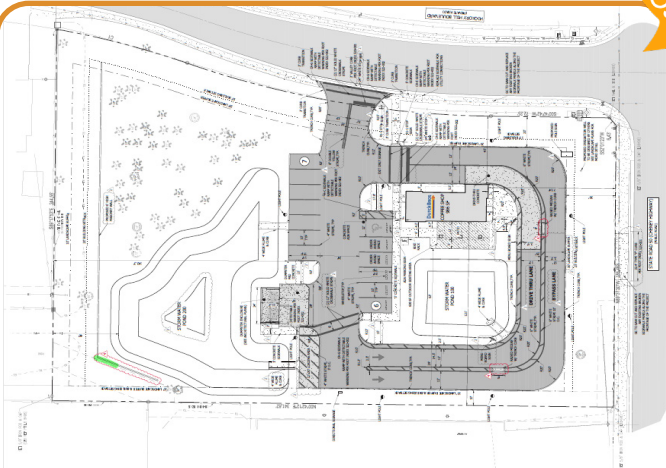


**TRG Self Storage**  
Site construction is nearing completion for a 51,470-square-foot self-storage building, located at 3960 South Street.

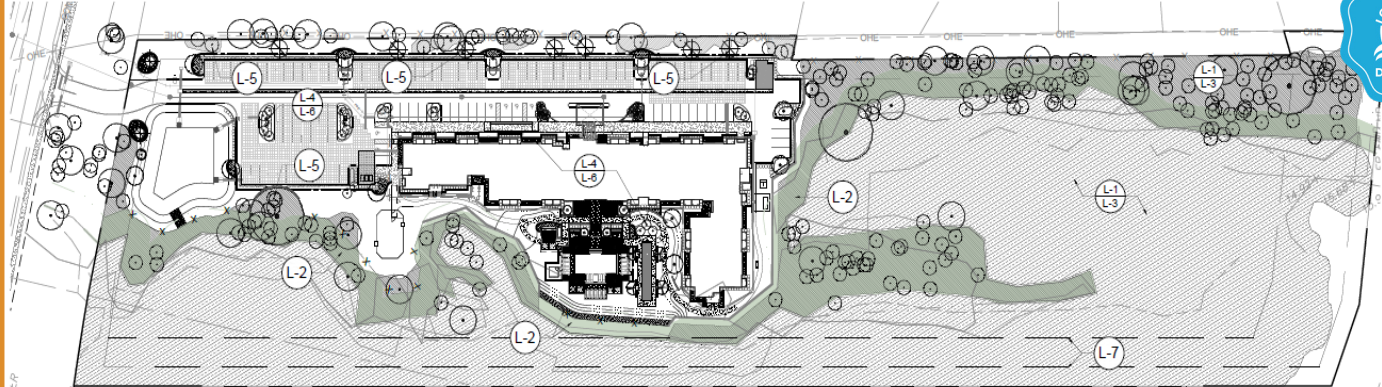
**Render Image**  
A draft image to showcase a property.



**AstroTech**  
Construction is nearing completion for a warehouse expansion at 1515 Chaffee Drive.



**Dutch Bros Coffee**  
A site plan has been approved for a 985-square-foot coffee shop to be located at the northeast corner of Hickory Hills Drive and SR 50.



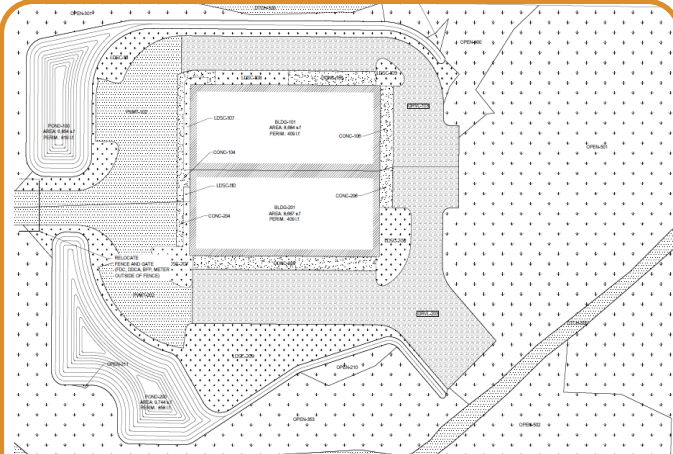
**Forest Glen Apartments**  
A site permit has been issued and ground work has commenced for an 80-unit apartment complex at 2001 South Street. This property includes LID techniques including: Preserved Open Space, Florida-Friendly Landscaping, and Minimize Total Impervious Surface Area.







**Mavis**  
A site plan has been approved for a tire and brake retail store in the St. John's Plaza at 3005 Garden Street.



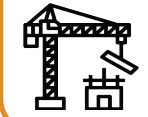
**Orange Plumbing**  
A site permit has been issued for a 17,371-square-foot industrial use with office located at 4125 South Street.



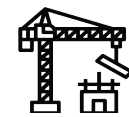
**Millwright Apartments**  
Construction continues for a multi-family project located along Columbia Blvd, just west of SR 407. Phase 1 consists of 255 multi-family units in two buildings, while Phase 2 consists of 233 multi-family units in two buildings. The contractor reports they are seven months ahead of schedule.



**Harbor Lakes (formerly Falcon's Roost)**  
Ground work continues for a 28 single-family home subdivision located along Knox McRae Drive, north of Park Avenue.



**Washington Square Activity Center**  
Construction has begun on a 5,664-square-foot activity center located at 1401 N. Washington Avenue.



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



**Space Coast Regional Airport Tower**  
Construction has commenced on a new 95-foot-tall, six-story air traffic control tower at the Space Coast Regional Airport.



**Valiant Air Command**  
Site construction is nearing completion for a 15,268-square-foot event hangar at 6600 Tico Road.



This site features Low Impact Development Techniques such as bioswales and curb elimination.



**Chase Bank**  
Ground and foundation construction continues on a 3,333-square-foot bank to be located at 2035 Cheney Hwy.



**Shores at Tranquility - Phase 1 & 2**  
Site construction continues on 203 single-family homes located along the Indian River Lagoon, just north of the NASA Causeway.





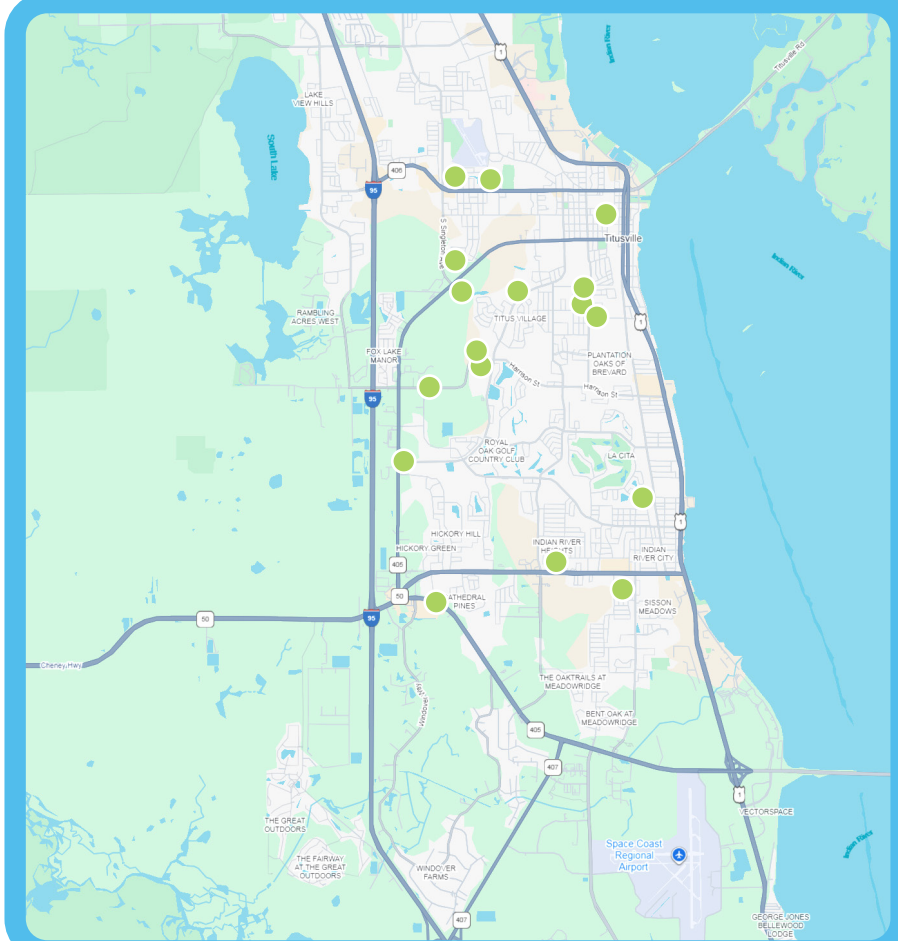
**Hampton Manor Assisted Living Facility**  
Ground construction has begun for a 96,894-square-foot assisted living facility to be located at 1970 Silver Star Road.



US Navy Photo



**Lockheed Martin**  
Site construction continues on a 620,730-square-foot manufacturing and warehouse building located at 1103 John Glenn Blvd., near the Titusville Police Department. This facility will help produce components for the Trident II D5 LE2 missile in support of US Navy operations.



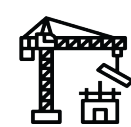
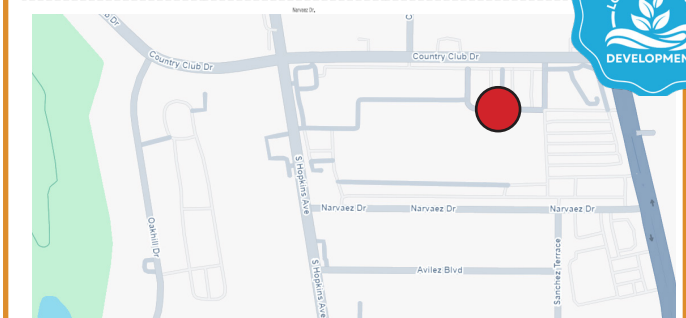
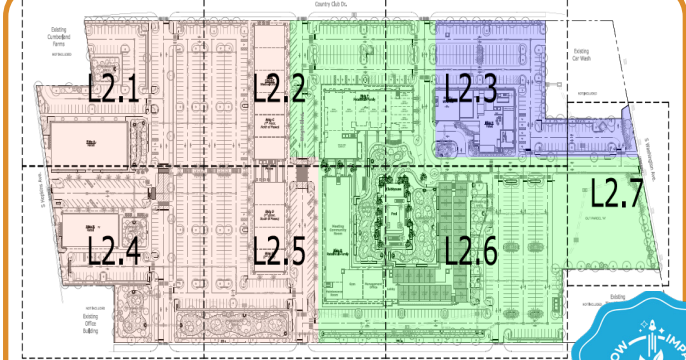
View all applications for development by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://bit.ly/3HImTMK>



Learn more about Low Impact Development by scanning the QR Code or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yyrawz6p> to view our story map.



**Titusville Multi-Family Project**  
A site plan is under review for a 56-unit apartment complex at 1881 Knox McRae Drive with LID techniques like pervious pavement and vegetated swales.



**Titusville Resort & Destination**  
Construction continues for Phase 1 of a mixed-use development with LID techniques including an underground stormwater retention system, located at the site of the former Searstown Mall along US 1.



## HELP SHAPE YOUR CITY'S URBAN FOREST



Scan this QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/42o1ryp> to take a short survey or visit our project page at <https://www.titusville.com/3186/Urban-Forest-Plan-Project#>

## Urban Forestry Master Plan: Craft the Vision Community Event

November 10th at 5:00 PM  
City Council Chambers  
555 S Washington Ave  
Titusville, FL 32781

Titusville is developing an Urban Forest Management Plan to guide how we plant, maintain, and protect trees throughout the city. This plan will use community input, environmental and canopy cover data, and best practices to shape long-term strategies – ultimately guiding the city towards a more resilient and sustainable urban forest.

During the Vision Building Workshop citizens will get an opportunity to speak with the consultants, recap results from the survey, collaborate in breakout groups, and work to help formalize the future vision of Titusville's future urban forest. A strong shared vision statement will be used to create goals and from there action items and metrics to meet those goals and achieve the vision.



# Titusville Helps Launch New Space Coast Building Officials Association

Titusville Building Official, Steve Adams, along with a group of industry peers from throughout Brevard County, have applied for official recognition as a Local Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF).

This newly formed chapter is appropriately name Space Coast Building Officials Association (SCBOA). BOAF was established in 1953 and has since become the model association throughout our country's building code industry.

BOAF's mission is to equip building professionals through education, advocacy, leadership, and code development. Their vision is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public through safe building practices.

SCBOA has been established by code professionals from across the Space Coast region, including Brevard County and surrounding municipalities. The new chapter association consists of numerous active BOAF State members who are engaged in the enforcement and administration of building and safety codes throughout our local jurisdictions.

In alignment with BOAF's mission, the Space Coast Building Officials Association is committed to:

- Advancing public health, safety, and welfare through effective code enforcement;
- Supporting education, training, and certification for code professionals;
- Promoting ethical leadership and collaboration across disciplines;
- Upholding the integrity and values of the BOAF organization.

SCBOA monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. The meeting locations will vary each month throughout all Brevard County jurisdictions. Titusville will host its first meeting on December 1st at the Multi-Purpose Training Room at Fire Station 11. SCBOA will discuss a spectrum of topics associated with building code administration.

Special committees such as legislative, code development, training and uniformity have been established to focus on their respective goals and opportunities. There has already been noticeable progress seen from the uniformity committee which intends to establish consistent expectations and standard operating procedures among the many building departments throughout Brevard Co.



SCBOA Founding Members Pictured left to right: Steve Adams, Titusville Building Official; Scott Stafford, Palm Bay Deputy Building Official; Krista Ellingson, Satellite Beach Code Compliance Manager; Robert Bitgood, Brevard County Deputy Building Official.

# SEEING SEAGRASS?

Seagrass, *Halodule wrightii* (shoal grass) has been spotted at Rotary Park in Titusville! This is a positive sign that our collective efforts to restore the Indian River Lagoon are making an impact.

However, the presence of epiphytic algae on the blades reminds us there is still work to do in reducing excess nutrients. Visit [www.lagoonloyal.com](http://www.lagoonloyal.com) for ways you can take easy steps to protect the lagoon!



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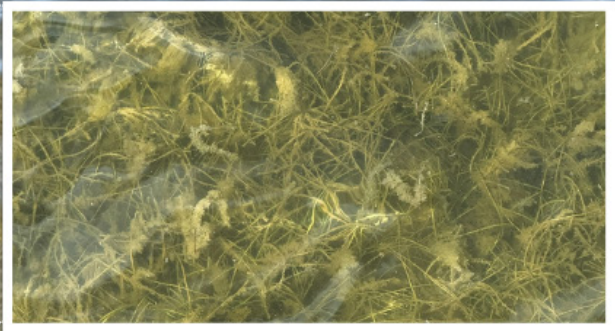
Blow grass  
clippings back onto  
the yard to prevent  
the pieces from  
running off into  
the Lagoon



Adjust sprinklers  
before rain or  
during the rainy  
season to reduce  
runoff and  
conserve water



Throw trash in the  
waste bin. Litter  
left on roadways  
can be carried to  
stormdrains and  
into the lagoon



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to learn more



# Road to Progress

*Projects that are shaping our city* ||||

Over the past several years, the City of Titusville has made a major investment in its future—undertaking a series of infrastructure projects totaling approximately \$54.8 million. Funded through a combination of city budget allocations and multiple state and federal grants, these projects strengthen the community's essential systems, improve public safety, and ensure that Titusville continues to grow on a foundation built to last.

## PROJECTS COMPLETED THIS FISCAL YEAR:

### Community Redevelopment Area LID Demonstration Project Location: Indian River Avenue

- **What will the project do?** Added bioswale and pervious concrete parking area in-place of existing impervious parking.
- **How will the project help the City?** Provides a demonstration site for use of pervious concrete and associated swale.
- **Cost = \$138,000 (CRA Funds)**



### General Construction Fueling System Improvements Location: 151 N Singleton Ave.

- **What will the project do?** Replace existing fuel tanks before the end of their projected life span.
- **How will the project help the City?** Continues efficient fueling for operations including during emergency operations. Additionally, the new fueling areas will be fully covered to add additional environmental protection.
- **Cost = \$2,088,000**



### Road and Streets Construction Upgrade Traffic Signal Locations

- **Location:** Hopkins / Sycamore, Hopkins / Harrison and Park / Harrison
- **What will the project do?** Replace aging infrastructure by replacement of existing traffic signals and associated hardware including electrical and control systems
- **How will the project help the City?** New signals provide updated underground and above ground infrastructure for better operation and expanded life spans. New detection and controller systems will improve intersection operations.
- **Cost = \$1,179,000 (Impact Fees)**



### Landscape Gateways Location: SR50 & I-95, SR-406 & I-95

- **What will the project do?** Complete installation of landscape improvements at two major gateway locations.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will beautify the gateway locations.
- **Cost = \$566,000 (Landscape Mitigation Fees and General Fund)**
- **Status = Going to bid for construction in the next few months**



### Sidewalk Infill – Collector Roadways Location: Various

- **What will the project do?** Complete sidewalk needs on all collector roadways within the City.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project is fully funded by impact fees and will make the collector roadway system more walkable.
- **Cost = \$1,467,000 (Impact Fees)**



### Stormwater Construction - Tree Boxes Location: Various

- **What will the project do?** Installation of tree filter boxes to improve water quality.
- **How will the project help the City?** Tree boxes will provide treatment for the stormwater system at individual locations.
- **Cost = \$896,000 (SOIRL and FDEP Grants)**



### Hollow Glen Baffle Box Location: South end of Tuscarora Road

- **What will the project do?** Installation of one baffle box
- **How will the project help the City?** The baffle box will provide treatment for an outfall system of the City.
- **Cost = \$572,000 (FDEP Grant)**





**Hamilton Avenue Baffle Box**  
**Location: South end of Hamilton Avenue**

- **What will the project do?** Installation of one baffle box
- **How will the project help the City?** The baffle boxes will provide treatment for an outfall system of the City.
- **Cost = \$301,000 (FDEP Grant)**



**Water and Sewer Construction:**  
**Osprey WRF Basin Infiltration and Inflow Elimination Project**  
**Location: Various**

- **What will the project do?** Line existing gravity sewer lines and reseal manholes throughout the basin to prevent infiltration of groundwater into the wastewater system.
- **How will the project help the City?** By limiting the intrusion of groundwater, the reclamation plant capacity will not be effected by high flows during wet weather.
- **Cost = \$3,669,000 (ARPA and Water/Sewer Funds)**



**Blue Heron Influent Rehabilitation**  
**Location: 4800 Deep Marsh Road**

- **What will the project do?** Repairs to the pretreatment structure at the Blue Heron Water Reclamation Facility.
- **How will the project help the City?** The repairs will improve the efficiency of the pretreatment structure.
- **Cost = \$823,000**



**Osprey Influent Screen Improvements**  
**Location: 1105 Buffalo Road**

- **What will the project do?** Improvements to the screen structure within the sewer plant.
- **How will the project help the City?** Necessary repairs to the water reclamation plant.
- **Cost = \$1,777,000**



**Blue Heron Reuse Pump Station Improvements**  
**Location: 4800 Deep Marsh Road**

- **What will the project do?** Replacement and upgrading of existing water reclamation pumps that supply reuse to the reuse distribution system.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will provide better pressure and water volume to the reuse distribution system.
- **Cost = \$766,000**



**Lead and Copper Inspections**  
**Location: Various**

- **What will the project do?** A comprehensive visual inspection and remediation of potential lead and copper components—on both the City and private sides—at multiple locations throughout the water system to ensure the safety and quality of the City's potable water.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will protect the public by identifying any lead water services that exist within the City.
- **Cost = \$2,000,000**



**Osprey Basin Lateral Repairs**  
**Location: Various**

- **What will the project do?** Smoke testing of lift station basins and replacement of lateral line caps.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will help protect the Indian River Lagoon by identifying sources of ground water intrusion into the sewer system.
- **Cost = \$115,000**



**Echo Drive Water and Sewer Improvements**  
**Location: Echo Drive**

- **What will the project do?** Provided gravity sewer access to existing septic tank properties and upgraded existing watermain.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will help protect the Indian River Lagoon by providing sewer to existing septic tank properties and improved water flow by upgrading the existing watermains to remove an undersized pipe.
- **Cost = \$492,000**





## IN PROGRESS PROJECTS:

### Annual Road Resurfacing and Reconstruction Location: Various, list on website

- **What will the project do?** Replace aging infrastructure by milling and overlaying the existing asphalt roadways. Additionally for those roadways that cannot be resurfaced the project completes a rebuild from the base up to a new asphalt surface.
- **How will the project help the City?** Road resurfacing will add 15 – 20 years of life to the existing roadways. Road Reconstruction restores a roadway to like-new condition.
- **Cost = \$2,274,000**
- **Status = 80% Complete**



### Sidewalk Grinding and Replacement Location: Various

- **What will the project do?** Inspect existing sidewalks and grind any trip hazards under 2" in height. Also this project will remove and replace sidewalk sections that are in disrepair.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project helps maintain the sidewalk network.
- **Cost = \$180,000**
- **Status = 90% Complete**



### Water and Sewer Fund (401): Lime Solids Handling Location: 151 N Singleton Ave

- **What will the project do?** Improvements to post treatment solids disposal at the Mourning Dove Water Treatment Plant.
- **How will the project help the City?** This improvement will improve the ability of the water plant to dispose of the treatment byproducts.
- **Cost = \$4,733,000**
- **Status = 95% Complete**



### Indian River Forcemain Improvements Location: Along Indian River Forcemain

- **What will the project do?** Replacement of existing forcemain along Indian River Avenue and connecting to the Osprey WRF.
- **How will the project help the City?** By replacing aging infrastructure, the City can better protect the Indian River Lagoon.
- **Cost = \$8,931,860**
- **Status = 99% Complete, new forcemain is in operation.**



### Blue Heron Clarifier Repairs Location: 4800 Deep Marsh Road

- **What will the project do?** Structural repairs to existing water reclamation clarifier.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will allow the second clarifier to come back online at the treatment plant to allow for more efficient treatment.
- **Cost = \$1,150,000**
- **Status = 70% Complete**



### Mourning Dove WTP Filter Replacement Location: 151 N Singleton Ave

- **What will the project do?** Replacement of the plant filters and upgraded to controls.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will improve treatment efficiency and water quality with the installation of new filters. The new control system will make the treatment operators jobs more efficient.
- **Cost = \$3,850,000**
- **Status = Contract awarded; expected to begin in Sept. 2025.**



### Blue Heron Screen Replacement Location: 4800 Deep Marsh Road

- **What will the project do?** Replacements of screen at front end of plant including installation of backup screen.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will improve treatment efficiency of the plant.
- **Cost = \$578,000**
- **Status = Contract awarded and expected to begin in August 2025.**



### Riverside Drive Forcemain Replacement Location: Riverside Drive

- **What will the project do?** Replacements of existing riverfront forcemain that has been exposed in recent hurricanes.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project fully replaces the forcemain and provides for added protection by moving the pipe under the roadway.
- **Cost = \$842,000**
- **Status = 90% Complete**





**Cheney Highway Watermain Interconnects**  
**Location: Cheney Highway**

- **What will the project do?** Connect to two existing watermain along Cheney highway.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will improve water circulation and fire flow within the area.
- **Cost = \$715,000**
- **Status = Contract awarded; expected to begin in Sept. 2025.**



**Master Pump Station Improvements**  
**Location: Knox McRae**

- **What will the project do?** Reconstruct one lift station.
- **How will the project help the City?** The improved lift station will be more efficient in handling of wastewater in this area.
- **Cost = Estimated \$5,000,000**
- **Status = Design at 100%**



**Blue Heron Filter Replacement**  
**Location: 4800 Deep Marsh Road**

- **What will the project do?** Replace filters at the wastewater plant.
- **How will the project help the City?** Will improve the treatment efficiency of the plant and allow for the plant to treat the wetland stored water for additional reuse when needed.
- **Cost = \$5,475,000**
- **Status = Design at 75%**



**Stormwater Construction:**  
**Tennessee Street Baffle Box**  
**Location: Tennessee Street**

- **What will the project do?** Construct a baffle box with media along an outfall ditch.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will improve water quality within this basin that feeds to the Indian River Lagoon.
- **Cost = \$515,000 (SOIRL Grant)**
- **Status = 0% Complete, work expected to begin in FY26**



**Septic to Sewer**  
**Location: Riveredge Drive, US#1 and Gibson Street**

- **What will the project do?** Provide access to the City's wastewater system for current septic tank properties.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will help protect the Indian River Lagoon by providing sewer to existing septic tank properties.
- **Cost = \$1,700,000 (SOIRL and FDEP Grants)**



**PLANNED / FUTURE PROJECTS:**

**Armstrong Chemical Improvements**  
**Location: 1500 Armstrong Drive**

- **What will the project do?** Improved chemical delivery to the Armstrong water storage tank to maintain water quality.
- **How will the project help the City?** The Armstrong facility is an integral part of the water distribution system particularly on the south end of the City.
- **Cost = \$318,833**
- **Status = Design at 90%**



**Annual Road Resurfacing & Reconstruction**  
**Location: TBD, Goal is 7.1 miles**

- **What will the project do?** Replace aging infrastructure by milling and overlaying the existing asphalt roadways. Additionally for those roadways that cannot be resurfaced the project completes a rebuild from the base up to a new asphalt surface.
- **How will the project help the City?** Road resurfacing will add 15 – 20 years of life to the existing roadways. Road Reconstruction restores a roadway to like-new condition.
- **Cost = \$1,633,000**
- **Status = Work in FY26**



**Bayview Liftstation Improvements**  
**Location: Riverside Drive**

- **What will the project do?** Reconstruct one lift station and abandon a second station.
- **How will the project help the City?** The consolidation of these liftstations will improve the protection of the Indian River Lagoon.
- **Cost = Estimated \$5,000,000**
- **Status = Design at 90%**



**Stormwater Construction:**  
**Pond Circulators**  
**Location: Coleman Ditch and Osprey Pond**

- **What will the project do?** Improved circulation in existing ponds.
- **How will the project help the City?** This project will improve water quality within this basin that feeds to the Indian River Lagoon.
- **Cost = \$212,000 (SOIRL Grant)**
- **Status = Out to contractor for pricing**





# North Brevard Economic Development Zone

The North Brevard Economic Development Zone, a 200-square-mile Florida special district, was created by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in 2011 with the mission of facilitating job growth and economic development in the northern part of Brevard County, Florida after the end of the Space Shuttle Program. In May 2025, the County Commission voted to dissolve the zone, declaring its mission complete.

At the time of its inception, the annual unemployment rate for Titusville was 12.4%, the housing foreclosure rate was 5.8 % (four times the national average), and the Milken Institute ranking for the county was 177th out of 200. As of 2025, unemployment is around 4.7% and the Milken Institute now ranks our area as the 9th “Best Performing Clty” in the country, due in large part to the contributions of the NBEDZ Director Troy Post and his team.

Special recognition goes out to the people who served on the NBEDZ Board of Directors over the past 13 years:

- Bart Gaetjens (Recent board chairman)
- George Mikitarian (Past chairman)
- Donn Mount
- Robert Jordan
- Dan Aton
- Stan Retz, CPA
- Edna Wilson
- Jeff Gray
- Rodney Honeycutt
- Dr. Brenda Fettrow
- Louis Sanders
- Al Matroni
- Micah Loyd
- Paula Cardwell
- John Beasley

## The Results

2,359 New Jobs Created *	\$24.1 M Grant Funds Committed	\$1.2 B Total Capital Investment	165 Small Businesses Assisted **	54 Grant Incentivized Projects
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Information based upon field observations, submitted reports, and/or other communication between the NBEDZ and businesses assisted. Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed. Note that job creation is dependent upon a variety of factors, not the least of which is workforce availability and skill; fluctuation in numbers may occur

\* The category “Jobs Created” includes jobs at the local Blue Origin plant, but that number was capped at 500 persons – the number reported at project closeout

\*\* Technical and/or financial assistance



The New Glenn rocket, built and assembled within Brevard County, heading toward Launch Pad 26 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

### High Wage Job Creation Project

## Blue Origin

- ✓ Company considered multiple sites in several states in 2014
- ✓ Zone assistance of \$8 million for creating a building pad on a 30-acre parcel at Exploration Park helped seal the company's choice of Merritt Island location
- ✓ Company committed to creating 330 jobs, and investing \$200 million in building a rocket factory
- ✓ In the end, company created more than 2,500 jobs, and invested over \$800 million in capital assets



### Small Business Development Project

## Harvest Market

- ✓ Successful restaurant operator and minority business owner Rueben Wooten had an idea: create a small-scale grocery serving a food desert in Titusville
- ✓ The Zone provided a financial commitment of \$68,000, which Wooten leveraged with over \$400,000 to bring his vision into reality
- ✓ Today, Harvest Market serves meats and fresh vegetables from a renovated 4,000 sq. ft. building near downtown Titusville



### High Wage Job Creation Project

## Lockheed Martin Fleet Ballistic Missile Program

- ✓ Fortune 50 aerospace and defense leader considered the Titusville area for the location of its fleet ballistic missile program in 2015, after weighing other possible sites in the state
- ✓ Working with its economic development partners, both locally and at the state level, the Zone approved a package of assistance totaling \$1.75 million
- ✓ The project resulted in the creation of more than 300 jobs in Titusville, with average annual incomes of \$89,000 per person



# Every Season, Every Splash

## Year-Round Access for a Safer, Stronger Titusville

The Titusville YMCA pool isn't just a place to swim—it's the only recreational pool in our city. For decades, it's been where children learn life-saving skills, seniors stay active, and families gather to connect and play. It's where neighbors become friends, grief finds an outlet, and people of all ages feel stronger—physically and emotionally.

But right now, this vital community resource sits quiet for nearly half the year—from October to April—because of outdated infrastructure and lack of climate control. As the only recreational pool in a city of over 50,000 people, the seasonal closure leaves a significant gap in access to health, healing, and connection.

With your support, we can change that.

We are launching a campaign to transform the Titusville YMCA pool into a year-round community wellness hub by investing in heating and system upgrades. With this upgrade, we can ensure that people of all ages and abilities have consistent access to safe, therapeutic, and life-saving aquatics programs—twelve months a year.

### Drowning is Preventable—but Only With Access

Florida leads the nation in child drowning deaths. From 2019 to 2021, Florida had the highest unintentional drowning death rate among children ages 1 to 4—more than double the national average. In 2024 alone, 46 children drowned across the state.

And here in Titusville, where we're surrounded by water—the Indian River Lagoon, the St. Johns River, dozens of lakes, and the Atlantic Ocean just minutes away—the risk is even greater. Kids here grow up near water. That means learning to swim isn't a luxury—it's a life-saving necessity.

Each year, more than 200 children learn to swim at the Titusville Y, and through community outreach with partners like the Boys & Girls Club, even more receive critical Safety Around Water instruction. But limited pool access keeps us from reaching the full number of families who need these programs. When the pool closes for the season, safety education stops.

### Water Heals—Spirit, Mind, and Body

Swimming isn't just about safety—it's about strength, healing, and connection.

- For someone managing chronic pain, a knee injury, or post-surgery rehab, water offers pain relief without joint stress.
- For someone facing grief, anxiety, or depression, water can be an “emotional reset”—a calming, weightless place to regroup and breathe.
- For those with ADHD or sensory sensitivities, swimming provides focus, regulation, and calm.
- For older adults, aquatics classes help preserve mobility, reduce isolation, and offer joyful movement that feels—literally—like flying.



## What Year-Round Access Will Mean for Titusville

- Double the number of children who learn to swim and gain water safety skills that can prevent tragedy
- Expanded therapy and fitness options for adults with mobility issues, chronic pain, or recovering from injury
- Consistent access to youth programs, family swim times, and inclusive recreational opportunities
- A reliable source of mental health and emotional support through movement, routine, and community
- A stronger, more resilient YMCA—one that evolves to meet the urgent and emerging needs of the people it serves

### To Dream the Impossible Dream: Sally's Gift of Healing and Hope

Sally Phillips met Ken Titus during a local production of Iolanthe at the Surfside Playhouse in Cocoa Beach. He was 60, playing a part on stage. She was 50, overseeing costumes behind the scenes. It was a first marriage for both—and the beginning of a life full of shared passions, particularly their love of community theatre.



For years, they remained active in the local arts scene, even after Ken was diagnosed with dementia just two years after they married. The diagnosis didn't dim their spark. If anything, it deepened their bond and their commitment to living fully, together.

When Parkinson's was added to Ken's list of health challenges in January of 2021, Sally became his full-time caregiver. She watched her once-vibrant partner slowly fade, physically and mentally. The toll it took on her was immense—and she carried that burden mostly alone until he took his final bow in September of 2021.

But from that grief, Sally found purpose. She knew firsthand how vital it is to stay active, connected, and supported—especially for caregivers. Her own journey inspired her to give back to the YMCA, helping to expand year-round aquatics programming, not just for the healing power it offers those facing physical and emotional challenges, but also to create something new: a place of connection, kindness, and support for caregivers walking a similar path.

Her gift is more than a donation. It's a tribute to Ken. It's a reflection of love, resilience, and the belief that even in our hardest seasons, community can carry us through.



MORE INFO



# Local Treasure in the Spotlight



## Jeff Thamert's Award-Winning Photography Featured in Smithsonian Magazine.

Sometimes, world-class artistry is closer than you think. Right here in our own community, Jeff Thamert has been quietly creating breathtaking, large-scale landscape photographs that have earned national acclaim — and now, Smithsonian Magazine has taken notice.

His striking image, *Guardians of the Shoreline*, recently won honors in the Mangrove Photography Awards, an international competition run by the Mangrove Action Project. The photograph captures the beauty and resilience of Florida's coastal mangroves, a subject close to Jeff's heart, and was chosen for its powerful storytelling and meticulous craftsmanship.

While the landscapes of the Deep South remain Jeff's greatest inspiration, his lens has also traveled across the United States and internationally, capturing remarkable scenes wherever nature speaks to him. Today, his photographs hang in homes, offices, and private collections around the globe — carrying the spirit of the places he's seen far beyond the moment he captured them.

Jeff isn't just another photographer — he is an artist in the truest sense. His images reveal a deep connection to the land: ancient oaks draped in Spanish moss, mysterious cypress swamps, and the tranquil shimmer of untouched beaches. Each piece is more than a picture; it's a moment in time, preserved with exceptional skill and care.

From capturing the shot to printing, mounting, applying a UV-protective finish, and building custom frames, Jeff handles every step himself in his Titusville studio. This dedication means every photograph is not only visually stunning but crafted to last a lifetime.

Jeff's work is permanently on view at the Downtown Art Gallery, which he owns and operates with his wife, Heidi Thamert. Together, they have created a welcoming space where the community can experience exceptional art year-round. In addition to Jeff's award-winning photography, the gallery showcases the work of over 20 talented local artists in a wide variety of mediums — making it a hub for art, creativity, and connection in North Brevard.

On Friday, September 26, the gallery hosted a special reception — a one-night celebration where visitors met the artist, heard the stories behind his award-winning works, and discovered why his artistry is being celebrated on a national stage.

The Downtown Art Gallery, in business since 2002 and now located at 400 Orange Street, Titusville, is open Monday–Friday, 11 AM–5 PM, and Saturdays 11 AM–3 PM, with extended hours for special events.

For more information, visit Jeff Thamert Photography and The Downtown Art Gallery on social media, or call 321-268-0122

## Council Member Dr. Sarah Stoeckel Elected as Second Vice President of the Florida League of Cities

The City of Titusville is proud to share that Council Member Dr. Sarah Stoeckel, a dedicated advocate for our community since joining the Titusville City Council in 2016, has been elected to serve as Second Vice President of the Florida League of Cities (FLC). Her term will continue through August 2026.

Dr. Stoeckel's leadership has long been rooted in serving Titusville and the Space Coast. Since 2018, she has represented our region through the Space Coast League of Cities (SCLOC), holding positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer, and State Board of Directors District Seat. Each role has allowed her to bring Titusville's voice to the table and strengthen collaboration across neighboring communities.

The Florida League of Cities works to protect local decision-making and ensure Florida's 400+ cities, towns, and villages have a united voice in shaping policy,



services, and support. In this new statewide role, Dr. Stoeckel will not only represent municipalities across Florida but also ensure that Titusville's priorities and challenges are heard at the highest levels.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to have been elected into this leadership role at the state level," Dr. Stoeckel said. "This is not just a win for me—it's a win for Titusville. Our city will be highlighted in important conversations about legislation, resources, and partnerships that directly impact our community. My hope is to build stronger connections with the State so we can better serve our citizens right here at home."

The City of Titusville congratulates Dr. Stoeckel on this outstanding achievement and looks forward to the opportunities her leadership will bring—not only for the Space Coast but especially for the people of Titusville.

## Introducing Titusville's NEW CITY MANAGER

On Saturday, July 19, 2025, the City of Titusville City Council selected Tom Abbate as the new City Manager. The decision marks the conclusion of an extensive nationwide search conducted by a private recruitment firm, which attracted over 60 qualified applicants from across the country.

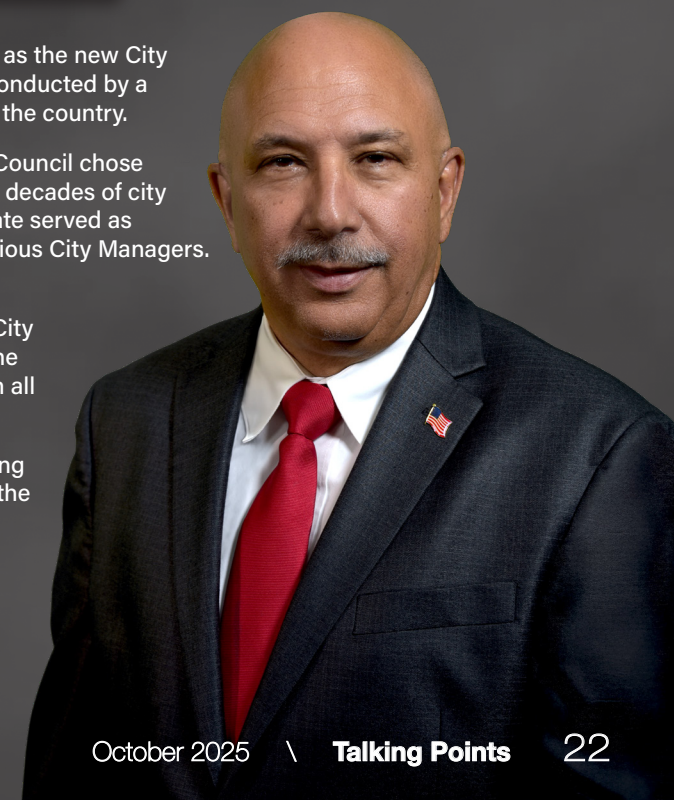
After a thorough evaluation process and an opportunity for public comment, the Council chose Abbate, who had been serving as interim city manager and had brought over two decades of city government leadership to the position. Before stepping into the interim role, Abbate served as Assistant City Manager for more than 20 years under the leadership of three previous City Managers.

"It is both an honor and privilege to have been appointed as City Manager. I look forward to working with a very talented and dedicated City staff as we move the City forward carrying out Council's strategic plan and vision in a manner that values the importance of transparency, open communications and professional excellence in all we do," said Abbate.

Mayor Andrew Connors and fellow council members praised Abbate's longstanding dedication to the city, institutional knowledge, and steady leadership throughout the transition period.

The City of Titusville looks forward to continuing progress and innovation under Abbate's leadership as it plans for a future grounded in responsible growth, community engagement, and a strong municipal foundation.

For more information, visit [www.titusville.com](http://www.titusville.com)





# HOW IT WORKS: RECYCLING

## A Look Inside the Facility

Most of Brevard County's recycling is sent to the Waste Management facility in Cocoa. From the moment trucks unload, the material is stored under a covered facility before it is sorted and processed. On the

conveyor belts an artificial intelligence system identifies common recyclables, while staff helps remove contaminants. The goal is to separate the materials that can be bundled, or "baled," and sold to mills

**ON AVERAGE, ABOUT 21% OF WHAT ENTERS THE FACILITY ENDS UP IN THE LANDFILL DUE TO CONTAMINATION.**

across the country. There, the items are broken down into raw form and used to make new products. To track progress, the facility conducts



Sorting Equipment

random truck samplings by sorting materials into 15 categories to measure contamination rates. Buyers look for bales with less than 5% contamination, which means too many plastic bags, greasy pizza boxes, or hazardous items can ruin a load.



Contamination Audit



When in doubt, stick to these core recyclables:

- Cardboard (non-waxed)
- Paper (non-waxed)
- Aluminum Cans
- Plastic Bottles and Jugs
- Glass Bottles and Jars

Avoid these recyclables

- Plastic Bags & Plastic Wrap
- Batteries
- Household items
- Bagged Recyclables (the scanner can't see them and it's seen as trash)



Scan or view the link for more information:

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101>



# Ride It DOWN

Annual Ride In *Titusville*



## FEBRUARY 28 2026

- Fun for All Ages – Ride for All Abilities!
- Choose Your Distance – Up to 40 miles or take on the Metric Century (100 km)!
- Comfort Stations along the way
- Finish line celebration with Music, Vendors & Food Trucks!
- Let the Good Times Roll!



Decorate your bikes, don your purple, green, and gold, and roll with us for a day of festive fun you won't forget!

REGISTER TO RIDE



Sponsorships Available!

Free Community After Party Downtown Titusville



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# TITUSVILLE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Meeting Agenda and Minutes  
<https://titusville.com/agendasandminutes>

Monthly Calendar  
<http://titusville.com/calendar>

Watch Live on Youtube  
<https://www.youtube.com/@CityOfTitusville/streams>



\$ 34.74 (Weekly)\*  
\*Discounts available for those who qualify

## North Brevard After School Care

Open For 2025

North Area Parks Operation  
(321) 264-5105

Monday - Thursday  
3 PM - 6 PM  
Friday (Early Release Day)  
2 PM - 6 PM



## FY2026 ADOPTED BUDGET OUT NOW



[TITUSVILLE.COM/BUDGET](https://TITUSVILLE.COM/BUDGET)



# Titusville Needs City Residents

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

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Board of Trustees of the General Employees' Pension Plan

Community Redevelopment Agency

Historic Preservation Board

North Brevard Commission on Parks and Recreation
- North Brevard County Hospital District Board

Planning and Zoning Commission

Titusville Environmental Commission

Titusville Housing Authority

Titusville Social Services Ad Hoc Committee

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

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

## Latest Chlorine Dosing Completed October 10, 2025

As part of routine distribution system maintenance to protect public health and ensure the highest drinking water quality, the City of Titusville Public Works Department recently completed its chlorine dosing process from September 13 through October 10, 2025.

Disinfection is a crucial part of water treatment to keep our water safe. The City of Titusville uses proven and highly effective methods to disinfect water before it reaches customers. Normally, this process includes two steps:

- Free Chlorine (first step):** Chlorine is used at the water treatment plant to disinfect water.
- Chloramines (second step):** Ammonia is added to the treated water to form chloramines (a combination of chlorine and ammonia), which helps maintain safe disinfection levels as water travels through pipes to your tap.

Over time, water settles, ages, and becomes affected by biofilm (a thin layer of microbes that may grow inside the system). These factors affect the quality and taste of water, so it's essential to regularly flush and disinfect the system. Free chlorination can eliminate microbes in water lines, reducing excessive microbial growth. Otherwise, this newly developed uncontrolled microbial community could cause pipe corrosion, nitrification, aesthetic issues (water taste, odor, and discoloration), and health concerns due to pathogens.

During the upcoming temporary change in disinfection (also known as a free chlorine conversion), the city will suspend the addition of ammonia but will not increase chlorine residuals. Once the maintenance period ends, the city will return to its normal treatment process.

This procedure is a common practice used by many water providers across the country to ensure ongoing system maintenance and high-water quality.



## City Council Forms Special Ad Hoc Committee

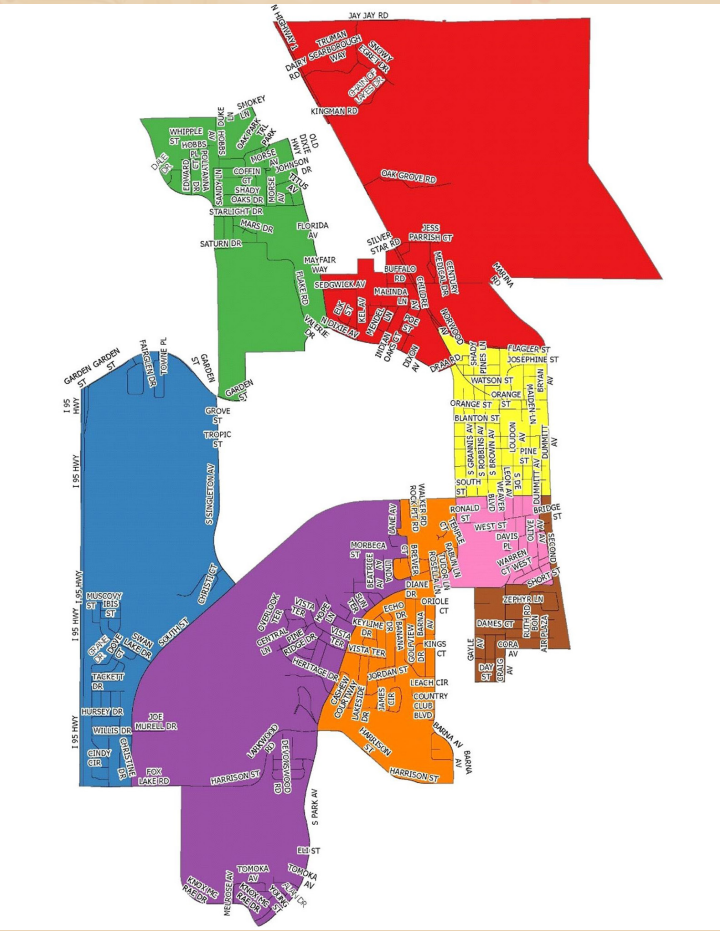
At their September 23, 2025 meeting, City Council decided to convene an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the operations and services of the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center and address specific community needs and gaps.

The City is now looking for volunteers for the Titusville Social Services Committee to provide staff with input and recommendations on existing services and future needs.

The Ad Hoc Committee is anticipated to convene in January 2026, and will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., for a period of at least six months, in the Community Room at the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center on the third Wednesday of the month.

The Committee shall consist of seven members, with at least five members appointed by City Council from the pool of applications received, and an additional two members appointed by a majority vote of Council based on recommendations from staff.

The Committee shall have a majority composition of applicants who are current or potential "end-users" of the social service systems within Brevard County, or those that have utilized services at the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center. Members shall reside within the city limits of Titusville. At least three appointed members shall reside within one of the identified low-income target areas. The remaining appointed members can be at large from within the city limits.



## Resilient Titusville: Vulnerability Assessment Public Engagement

November 4th | 5:30 PM  
Tom Statham Community Building  
7101 S. US Highway 1  
Titusville, FL 32780

The City of Titusville is holding an interactive presentation and information session on the results of the recent Exposure and Sensitivity Analysis.

The goal of this project is to expand upon the previous resiliency study by identifying critical local and regional assets that are exposed and sensitive to flooding due to rainfall, storm surge, sea level rise, and a combination thereof.

The updated analysis will allow the City to develop actionable steps to address evolving vulnerabilities and opportunities for identified geographic and infrastructure focus areas.



For more information visit [Titusville.com/Resilient-Titusville](https://Titusville.com/Resilient-Titusville).



## Are We Ready for Main Street?

The City of Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) invites business owners, community stakeholders, and residents to attend an informational session introducing the Florida Main Street Program. The event is schedule for Monday, January 12, 2026 at St. Gabriel's Church — 414 Pine Street in Titusville.

Katherine Beck, State Coordinator of the Florida Main Street Program, will be the featured speaker, sharing insights on the program's benefits and how it can support the revitalization of our downtown.

Join us for this interactive discussion about shaping the future of Titusville's Main Street!





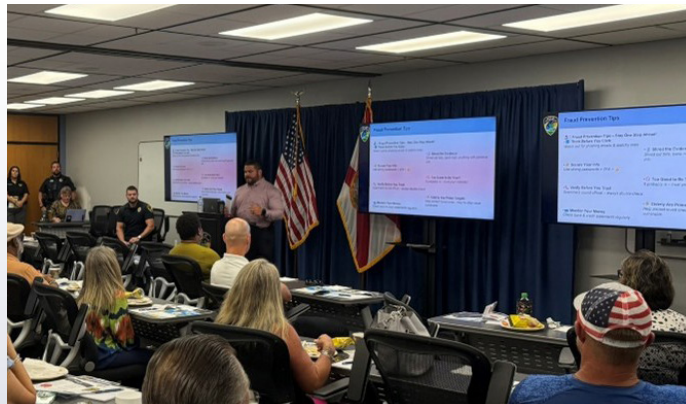


# TITUSVILLE POLICE

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## Titusville Police Department Hosts Community Engagement Meeting



On August 12th, the Titusville Police Department proudly hosted a Community Engagement Meeting (CEM), bringing residents together to strengthen relationships with their police department. The event featured a presentation designed to help citizens get to know TPD and learn more about public safety initiatives in our community.

Topics covered included business and community crime prevention, crime prevention through environmental design, vacation and business watch programs, surveillance camera strategies, the private property trespass program, and how technology is used in law enforcement. By hosting CEMs, TPD underscores its commitment to transparency, awareness, and strong community partnerships. These meetings provide an open platform to share important resources, address local concerns, and build trust with the citizens we proudly serve.

“Our goal with these Community Engagement Meetings is to connect directly with the people we serve, share valuable safety information, and give our citizens a clear look at how their police department operates,” said Lt. Joshua Bernd. “It’s about building trust, demonstrating transparency, and showing that we’re here for the community, not just when something goes wrong, but every day.”



Participate in Future Community  
Engagement Meetings

<https://forms.office.com/g/n3L2pLEwn8>

The August meeting was just the beginning, TPD plans to host additional Community Engagement Meetings in the future. The next CEM is tentatively planned for November 2025. If you are interested in participating, please see the attached link or scan the QR code to let us know.

**COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT  
MEETING**

**TITUSVILLE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**  
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION,  
CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN,  
PRIVATE PROPERTY TRESPASS PROGRAM,  
VACATION/BUSINESS WATCH,  
SURVEILLANCE CAMERA STRATEGIES,  
Q&A SESSION

## Titusville Police Department Completes “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” Campaign

The Titusville Police Department recently wrapped up the 2025 “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” traffic safety campaign, and we are proud of the collective effort our officers put forth to keep our roadways safe.

During the campaign, TPD officers conducted approximately 545 traffic stops, issued 120 citations (excluding warnings), and made 7 arrests. Special recognition goes to Delta Squad, which led the department with 222 traffic stops, 39 citations, and 3 arrests. We also congratulate Officer Rivera, who set the pace with 55 traffic stops on his own.

While the numbers highlight our enforcement efforts, the true goal of this campaign is saving lives. Driving under the influence remains one of the leading causes of serious crashes and fatalities nationwide. Every traffic stop and every arrest during this campaign was an opportunity to prevent tragedy and keep our community safe.

Great job to everyone who contributed to this year’s campaign. Let’s continue to work together and remind our community: Drive sober, or get pulled over.



# TITUSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

550 S. Washington Ave. | Titusville, FL 32796 | 321.567.3800

**CHARGE** into Fire Safety™

**Lithium-Ion Batteries  
in Your Home**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**

**fpw.org**

This year’s Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign, October 5-11, “Charge into Fire Safety”: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” works to educate everyone about using these batteries safely. The campaign stresses how important it is to BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries.

### Charge into Fire Safety: 3 Steps

Buy only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

Charge devices safely. Always use the cords that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**

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**Charge devices safely. Use cables that came with the products to charge.**

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**Charge devices safely. Unplug when fully charged.**

Recycle batteries responsibly. Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near you.

Charge any lithium-ion battery device on a hard surface—never on your bed, couch, or under a pillow. And don’t overcharge. Once it’s at 100%, unplug and move on. Charge Into Fire Safety for Fire Prevention Week.

Anything with a lithium-ion battery— phones, laptops, e-bikes, power tools —can become a fire hazard if it’s not charged safely. Always use the charger that came with the device or one approved by the manufacturer. If the cord only works when you bend it just right, it’s time to replace it.

For kid friendly Fire Prevention Week activities check out [SparkySchoolHouse.org](http://SparkySchoolHouse.org).



ADTC



ADTC opened its new training center at 1415 Chaffee Drive, which will focus on hands-on skills for the aerospace, defense, and advanced manufacturing industries.

Black and White Venue



A new event center catering to weddings, celebrations or corporate events recently opened at 4 Main Street.

TotalHealth and Recovery



A new healthcare practice located at 502 Garden Street opened its doors to patients with a ribbon cutting in July 24.

The Native Bar and Grill



A new restaurant featuring Florida-inspired food recently held their soft opening at Titus Landing.

BP - Garden Street



Renovations are complete at the BP station located at 3460 Garden Street.



Titusville Fire Department  
Volunteer Spotlight

Titusville Fire Department is proud to recognize our longest-standing volunteer, Anita Varela, for 15 years of dedicated service!



On October 1, 2025, we celebrated Anita and the incredible contributions she has made to our department and community. From welcoming visitors at Headquarters with a warm smile, assisting at countless community events, and supporting our team with vital administrative tasks, Anita truly embodies the spirit of service. She is often the very first face the public sees when they walk through our doors, and her kindness and generosity — along with her much-loved homemade baked goods — make a lasting impression on everyone she meets.

When asked why she has stayed with us so long, Anita shared with a smile, “It’s easy to keep coming back when I have a window seat to the great work our firefighters do.”

Congratulations, Anita, on 15 amazing years of volunteering. We are deeply grateful for your time, your talents, and your heart.

Important City Numbers

Building Department	321.567.3760
Business Tax Receipts (Occupational Licenses)	321.567.3758
City Clerk	321.567.3686
City Hall Main Number	321.567.3775
City Hall FAX Number	321.383.5704
City Manager’s Office	321.567.3702
Code Enforcement	321.567.3770
Community Advocate	321.567.3689
Customer Service (Utility Billing)	321.383.5791
Economic Development	321.567.3774
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	321.567.3800
Fire Public Education	321.567.3804
Human Resources	321.567.3728
Jobline	321.567.3731
Neighborhood Services	321.567.3987
Municipal Marina	321.383.5600
Planning Department	321.567.3782
Police (Non-Emergency)	321.264.7800
Police / Fire Rescue (Emergency)	911
Solid Waste	321.383.5755
Stormwater	321.567.3832
Stormwater (After Hours Emergency)	888.399.1327
Streets Maintenance	321.567.3832
Water Field Operations (Water Main Break)	321.567.3883
Water Main Break (After Hours Emergency)	321.383.5657
Water Resources Conservation Program	321.567.3865
LED Sign Information	321.567.3689

Important Community Numbers

Brevard County Auto Tags	321.264.5224
Chamber of Commerce	321.267.3036
Department of Motor Vehicles	321.264.5224
Florida Power and Light	800.577.1156
City Gas Co of Florida	321.636.4644
Social Security Office	321.633.8100
Canaveral National Seashore	321.267.1110

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**Space View Park**  
**November 15, 2025**  
**5 pm - 8 pm**

in partnership with:



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