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Hurricane Matthew
a Community Recovers

While Hurricane Matthew approached the Space Coast on Thursday, October 6, the City of Titusville was already gearing up for what meteorologists were classifying as a potentially catastrophic event. Fire Chief Michael Woodward, the city’s Emergency Manager, officially activated Titusville’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 12pm that day, calling in key members of the local government to coordinate and manage city functions from a secure location throughout the storm.

The center, located at Titusville’s Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters across from City Hall, was operational through Saturday afternoon, and functioned as the command hub and living quarters for core employees from select departments. Throughout the night, EOC members worked diligently to monitor the storm’s track, ensure public safety, keep communications open with county and state EOCs, and coordinate recovery efforts once the storm passed.

City employees at work inside Titusville’s Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Matthew.

The hard work and dedication of the city employees kept utilities like water and sewage working, and maintained capabilities to keep the citizens safe and informed during the course of the hurricane. In the end, Titusville came out strong with relatively little damage.

The city, however, owes its resiliency to the citizens themselves, for stepping up before, during, and after the storm to help each other in these trying times. Facebook is replete with stories of the general public coming together to assist one another with myriad tasks—both large and small—proving once again that Titusville is a great community to live in. From filling sandbags to boarding windows, helping the less fortunate get to shelters, or cleaning up yard debris for the elderly and incapable people in this community showed their true nature as a generous and compassionate group.

Thank you to the citizens of Titusville and the surrounding communities for stepping up in difficult times and showing what it is to be true Americans.

Titusville High School students help residents clean up after the hurricane. (Photo: Jessica Saggio, Florida Today)

Finishing the Race
A Final Message from Mayor Tulley

As my mayoral term ends, I offer a few final thoughts. These have been some of the most challenging, yet rewarding years of my life. We have been through a lot, from the end of the Shuttle Program, a terrible economy and subsequent job losses as well as difficult budget decisions at City Hall. Through it all, the citizens of Titusville have hung together and not allowed our city to falter.

Personally, I have learned much, made more new friends than I can count, and I am so proud of all of our citizens, our business community, our faith community, all the service organizations, our volunteer city boards, city staff and the Council for perseverance through adversity. We have accomplished much together, and the future of Titusville is bright.

To me, Titusville is and always will be the “North Star of the Space Coast” and it has been my honor to serve.

Mayor Jim Tulley

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ACT2 Technologies

ACT2 Technologies, a firm which manufactures equipment used for water reclamation, has announced plans to acquire a 3-acre lot in Titusville’s Spaceport Commerce Park. They are anticipating an investment of $2 million in the construction of a 7,500 sq. ft. building.

Draa Field Park

Finishing touches are being made to Draa Field Park that once completed will greatly improve the water quality of the Indian River Lagoon with its littoral zone plantings, biofiltration wetland and permeable limerock wall. A newly paved trail has recently been completed that borders the stormwater pond and is already open to the public. A ribbon will be held on November 4 at 10am.

Hospice of St. Francis Solar Power System

Construction and installation has been completed on a large solar power system for Hospice of St. Francis located at 1250 Grumman Place. Once activated by PPL, this 250-kilowatt system will be the largest in our community and will consist of 624 ground-mounted, and 336 building-mounted panels. The system is expected to produce up to 20% of the facility’s energy needs.

The project will generate approximately $80,000 for local business and will create 17 local jobs. Brevard Solar is the contractor responsible for the project.

Former Sunbelt Building - U.S. Navy

Construction is continuing on the renovation and expansion of the former Sunbelt Rentals building on U.S. 1 south of Cheney Highway (SR 50).

The building will include an office, laboratory space, and a high-bay warehouse that will be leased to the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) on behalf of the U.S. Navy.

Saturn Builders is the contractor for the project and Z. Sid Chehayeb, PE is the civil engineer.

Save Our Lagoon 1/2-cent Sales Tax

The local November ballot will include a measure to vote yes or no to fund the County’s Save the Lagoon Project Plan. This will approve a 0.5% increase in the County’s sales tax (currently 6.5%). By voting yes, the sales tax increase will fully fund the project over the next 10 years.

The Save Our Indian River Lagoon plan consists of data-driven project selection designed to restore the living shoreline. This involves the removal of all nutrient-rich muck on the lagoon floor. It will also reduce pollutants and flow of excess nutrients into the lagoon that come from groundwater, septic systems, storm runoff, fertilizer,
and air pollution. After these are complete, work can begin on the restoration of natural filters and oxygen-producing-systems created by oyster beds, mangroves, and wetlands.

**Walmart Liquor Store**

Site and building construction is well underway on a new 9,000-square-foot retail building located in the western section of the Walmart parking lot.

**Solamere Grand**

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

**Family Dollar Store – Dairy Road**

A site permit has been issued and building plans are under review for a new 8,300-square-foot store located on the south side of Dairy Road, just west of Singleton Avenue.

**Indian River Landings Subdivision**

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

**AutoZone – Cheney Hwy**

Site and building construction has begun on a new 7,381 square foot auto parts store located on Cheney Highway, next to CVS.
O'Reilly’s Auto Parts – Cheney Hwy

Site and building construction has begun on a new 7,776 square foot auto parts store located on Cheney Highway (SR 50) east of Barna Avenue.

Correll Palms Assisted Living

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

Santiago Village

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

Victorio’s Restaurant

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

Garrison Construction of Titusville is overseeing the $1.2 million project which is expected to open its doors to customers by December of this year.

Wild Ocean Community Garden

A community garden is in the works in front of Wild Ocean Market at 688 S. Park Avenue. The garden will be run by local citizens and will grow vegetables, herbs, and fruit trees. Eventually, the garden is intended to become a small farmer’s market.
Bagel 13 – Second Location

Site plans have been submitted and are under review for a second Bagel 13 restaurant to be opened at 1000 Cheney Hwy, in the Cheney Commons building.

Kutryb Eye Institute

A new 7,000 sq. ft. medical office is being proposed at 730 S. Washington Avenue, the site of the former Family Auto Mart of Titusville. The North Brevard Economic Development Zone has granted $89,000 in incentives for the project, which plans to open an ophthalmology practice and optometry clinic. The new location would add one Ophthalmologist and 6-7 additional support personnel.

“Project North”

A new company will be moving a fabrication and distribution facility into the old Eckler’s warehouses at 5130 and 5140 South Washington Avenue, where it plans to manufacture natural gas line heaters and water treatment products for the U.S., Mexican and South American markets. The identity of the company behind the project has not been publicly disclosed, and is therefore being referred to as “Project North.”

Representatives have stated that it will be looking to add 20-25 jobs within the first year. The project was made possible with assistance from the North Brevard Economic Development Zone and will have an investment of approximately $2.6 million.

8k Solutions

8K Solutions is an audiovisual systems company that has acquired a 26,000 sq. ft. facility located at 8850 Grissom Parkway in the Spaceport Commerce Park. The company designs systems for both amateur and professional sports teams, and will employ more than 10 people.

Blue Origin

Blue Origin’s plant under construction. (Photo: Craig Rubadoux, Florida Today)

The city has fully executed two contracts to provide plan review and inspection services for aerospace firm Blue Origin’s two buildings located in Exploration Park near the Kennedy Space Center. The Annex building has all footings and slabs poured, and the steel is on site ready for construction. Footings have been started for the main factory building and section one of four is complete. This facility will be the company’s primary manufacturing plant for the fabrication of rockets which will be launched from KSC.
Sand Point Park Splash Pad

The Splash Pad design-build has been sent out and companies are currently bidding on the contract. It is anticipated that a contractor will be awarded by November of this year. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held in Sand Point Park on October 30 at 2pm.

New Energy Services

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

Riverfront Park Improvements

The city expects to send this project out for bid by November of this year, for improvements to be completed by the end of 2017.
Local buildings are just a few of the landmarks with historic significance to Titusville.

Most cities in the United States have a register of historic places that hold cultural and historic value to the citizens that reside there, and Titusville is no exception. This year, the city has listed four properties on the Local Register of Historic Places including St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Church (414 – 422 S. Palm Avenue); the Judge Carleton House (820 Indian River Avenue); the Carter Home (126 Grannis Avenue); and the Duren Building (124 Julia Street). A fifth building, the Pritchard House (424 S. Washington Avenue), is currently going through the nomination process and should be included on the registry next year.

To meet the criteria for becoming a designated location, the properties must be significant in Titusville’s history, architecture, archaeology or culture, and possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, and craftsmanship. They must also be associated with events or lives that have made significant contributions to Titusville’s history, provide distinctive architectural, construction or period style, or yield historical information, or be designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination process involves petitioning the Historic Preservation Board, a preliminary review of the petition by the Historic Preservation Board to accept or deny the petition, the preparation of a designation report recommending approval or denial based on the designation criteria, and public hearings at the Historic Preservation Board and the City Council to approve or deny the petition.

Carter Home

One of the latest additions, the Carter Home, was built in 1915 in a Craftsman Bungalow style, which reflects local trends in architecture during Florida’s Real Estate Boom in the 1920s. In 1946 Brigadier General Ellerbe Carter — a former Titusville Mayor and City Council Member — and his wife Patricia bought the home and lived there with their nine children.

During the 1960s, the home was a haven for people in need, and over the years has been the center of social gatherings and events. Gen. Carter passed away in 1972, and Patricia in 1984, leaving the home to be occupied by their daughter Lila. She remained there until her death in February 2015, and since then, the home has fallen into disrepair. Recently, the house was facing demolition due to code violations, however the North Brevard Heritage Foundation, the City of Titusville, and the Carter family members worked tirelessly to secure the building, and eventually ownership of the house and property was transferred to the North Brevard Charities Sharing Center, Inc.

Fritchard House

Another recent development is the transfer of ownership of the Pritchard House from Brevard County to the City of Titusville. The property will continue to be leased to the Northern Brevard County Heritage Foundation Inc. and its management and operations will remain the same.

The 125th Anniversary of this “Queen Ann” style architecture house will be celebrated through the month of October and will host multiple special events throughout 2017.

Other historic properties will be featured in future issues of Talking Points Magazine. For more information on Titusville’s Historic Preservation Board, log on to the city’s website at Titusville.com.
Changes are coming to the downtown area beginning in the next couple of months, as a facelift is about to occur which will remake the Julia and Nevins Street Courtyards into something new.

In September 2016, the Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) approved renovations of the two downtown courtyards in an effort to improve their usability. One of the biggest complaints about the courtyards is the large concrete platforms and planters which occupy the center, minimizing the walking area and limiting outside seating for the surrounding establishments. The structures have deteriorated over the years and are no longer aesthetically appealing as they once were.

Another concern is the direct sunlight — especially during the summer months — which makes the area too hot and uncomfortable for visitors.

To alleviate the sun and heat, shade structures are being proposed to make the courtyards more user friendly, especially for downtown events. The planned renovation is estimated to cost approximately $117,580 for both locations, and will involve the replacement of the existing landscape structures with outdoor seating. Renovation is scheduled to begin by the end of November, 2016.

Inset: An example of shade structures that may be installed in the courtyard.
The Downtown Welcome Center, located at 419 S. Hopkins Avenue, inside the Julia Street parking lot — just behind the Pritchard House — is on target to be completed by November 2016. Inside the center, the Greater Titusville Chamber of Commerce will have people on hand to provide information about the Titusville area to visitors and trail users in a portion of the building, while Coast to Coast Bicycle Company will provide bicycle service rentals, repairs, sales and bicycle trail events in another portion of the building. A ribbon cutting will take place November 18 at 10am.

Improved Landscaping on US-1 in Downtown

A request for bids is currently being prepared by the Purchasing Department to replace the missing landscaping on Washington Avenue and Hopkins Avenue. The bid request will include installing hanging vegetation baskets to existing decorative light poles.
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Florida Department of Transportation Awards $44.4 Million for Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Expansion in Florida

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced today the selection of the first year of projects to receive funding under the Shared Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail program. A total of $44,434,543 million was awarded to 45 separate projects located across 21 counties throughout Florida. (See attached map and project list)

The projects include the construction of 11 separate trail segments, which will add or improve approximately 20 miles of trail to Florida’s trail system. Another 34 projects will be in various preconstruction phases of work such as feasibility study, environmental review and design. The funds are for the current fiscal year (2016-17) and are immediately available to begin work.

Governor Scott said, “Florida is proud to be an outdoors state, and our many incredible bicycle, pedestrian and multi-use trails are great activities for Floridians and visitors to enjoy. I am proud to join FDOT in celebrating this investment today as we work to provide more safe recreational opportunities for families across our state.”

All of the selected projects are in the identified SUN Trail network, which consists of the developing statewide system of paved multi-use trails for bicyclists and pedestrians, physically separated from vehicular traffic.

FDOT Secretary Jim Boxold said, “This initial SUN Trail funding will provide safer opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians, advance the completion of the state trail system and enhance the state’s partnership with local communities throughout Florida.”

Twenty-two of the funded projects help to advance two major regional trails systems selected as priorities by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council. Five of these are part of the Coast to Coast Connector, a 250-mile trail system linking the Gulf and Atlantic coasts through Central Florida, and 17 are part of the St. Johns River Sea Loop, a 270-mile trail system that will link together several communities including St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, DeLand and Palatka. 23 projects are for individual trail segments throughout the rest of the state.

The SUN Trail Program was established during the 2015 legislative session. More information about the program can be found at http://floridasuntrail.com.
Life on the Water

Titusville Boating Industry has fair winds on Indian River Lagoon

One of the most beautiful attractions in Titusville is the majestic Indian River which flows gracefully through the city. Each year, the river draws in thousands of visitors for fishing, swimming, and observing rocket launches. One of the most popular activities for both locals and tourists is travelling the wide expanse of the lagoon, whether by canoe or kayak, sailboat or speedboat. The Indian River has become a perfect location for nautical tourism and has brought forth a growing industry of maritime manufacturing.

Titusville is home to a plethora of unique boat and nautical manufacturing companies and in this issue we’ve gathered information on five of the great watercraft creators that make enjoying the open water so synonymous with the area.
passionate about their skiffs and are dedicated fishermen, outdoorsmen, and adventurers. The specially designed skiffs are only built to order and are made from the finest materials. With cutting edge design and personal customer service, Hell’s Bay’s boats allow fishermen to do things that they claim no other flat boat can offer.

Renzetti’s

Renzetti’s story begins in the 70’s in the garage of founder Andy Renzetti. An experienced fly fisherman, Andy found himself frustrated with the fly tying vises that were available at the time, so he began working on one of his own. After designing and releasing a few different designs to the public, Andy’s designs had been well received with massive success. The Presentation 3000, Renzetti’s own creation, quickly became a widely known vise among experts in the field and so, in 1978, he started working full time to start a larger company. By 1996, he had a new manufacturing facility, and soon after officially founded Renzetti, Inc.

Hell’s Bay

The Everglades National Park is home to a small inlet known by the locals as Hell’s Bay, because, as they put it, “it’s hell to get in and hell to get out.” This would become a great inspiration to Flip Pallot, renowned Florida fishing guide, and Chris Morejohn, visionary boat designer. Together, they sought out to create a superior fishing boat that would revolutionize the shallow water fishing industry.

The company they forged, Hell’s Bay Boatworks, is still around today, and resides in Titusville, Florida. The business is run by Captain Chris Peterson and his wife, Wendi. Every employee at Hell’s Bay is
Falcon Marine

Originally just a manufacturer for private companies in the marine and aviation markets, Falcon Marine began branding their own labeled product lines starting with their new racing sailboat, the Formula 16 Falcon. These "green" performance crafts are semi-custom made to order and have been around since 2004. In contrast to the bigger, heavier racing models on the market, the Formula 16 was designed to be lighter and easier to maneuver. As they put it, "Versatility was the key, as a lighter boat would be easier to set up and move and was something that could still be raced competitively against the big boats with mixed teams, lighter crews, or even youth sailors."

After releasing the Blade F16 to much success, they started a partnership with Bimare of Italy to produce a new type of watercraft based on their XJ catamaran. Thus, they designed the A class catamaran. Falcon Marine guarantees that this 165lb catamaran has one of the highest power-to-weight ratios on the market. The team, which has over twenty years of national and international experience, is always improving upon the formula and promises to have more developments in the future.

Vectorworks

Vectorworks is an engineering, tooling, and construction company that provides boats, molds, and more to commercial and government customers. As an international company, Vectorworks has connections in North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Africa. Their Titusville office, which lays on 13 acres and borders the Indian River Lagoon, is the heart of the company and houses most of the tooling and engineering equipment used in worldwide projects.

Although they specialize in the engineering of many different products, marine sailing and boating makes up a good portion of their production.

The rolling waters of the Indian River make Titusville one of the best places in the nation to enjoy boating, fishing, and sailing; that’s probably why some of the finest craftsmen in the country choose to run their businesses from here. Whether you’re looking for a boat to dock at the Titusville Municipal Marina or just want to take it out on the water for the day, you won’t find a selection of watercraft that matches the quality found on the east coast.
Hobby Lobby is nearing completion and is due to open October 24, ushering in a new season for the highly anticipated Titus Landing development. Building construction is in full swing on several additional structures which make up Phase 1 of the project, as work on the Parrish/ Mayo medical center continues.

Site and building plans have been approved for a 5,900 square foot retail building to be located in Outparcel B, along U.S. 1, where the current bank sits and two other previously demolished buildings were located.

Other work on the site includes the installation of marquee signage and Titus Landing landmark structures. Foundation work on future buildings including the new Epic Theater is pending.

Latest List of Titus Landing Tenants

**Leased (Phase 1)**
- Epic Theater
- Hobby Lobby
- Rack Room
- Coldwell Banker
- Andiamo
- E Smoker – to B4
- Amazing Jewelry
- Hair Cuttery
- ATT
- BBT
- Parrish/Mayo
- Pet Supermarket
- Pizza @
- Spa and Wellness Center
- Lee’s Nails
- Firehouse Subs
- Mattress Xpress
- Dunkin Donuts

**Leased (Phase 1.1)**
- Woody’s Barbeque
- Wayback Burgers
- Durango Steak House

**Signed Letters of Intent**
- Bealls
- Tuesday Morning

**Pending Letters of Intent**
- Ulta Cosmetics
- Rue 21

Aerial view of new construction at Titus Landing.
(Photos: CyberTech Flights / YouTube)
Titusville

Water Resources

2016 Water Resources Telemetry System Upgrades

Throughout 2016, Titusville Water Resources replaced 18 of its telemetry control panels, all built in-house by the city’s electronic technicians. Our panels are equipped with modern and durable features including programmable controllers, lightning protection, battery backup and connections to our control networks. Our citywide network of telemetry panels and radio towers links 158 wells, lift stations, and stormwater facilities for centralized monitoring and control by Department of Environmental Protection licensed operators.

Water Rates Comparison with Surrounding Cities
The city is going above and beyond to keep water rates competitive with other cities in the area. The chart below shows a comparison between 18 different cities, of which Titusville ranked 7th.
Time change means changing when you water your lawn.

Fall in Florida is a bit more subtle than in northern states, but we still experience similar seasonal changes including reduced sunlight, cooler temperatures, and reduced rainfall. Such changes require adjustments to your irrigation schedule in order to conserve water and protect your lawn and landscaping. It just so happens that these seasonal changes correspond with the adjustment of our clocks — remember spring ahead and fall back? With that in mind, November 6 marks the beginning of the fall and winter irrigation schedule. So, when you turn back your clocks one hour that day for Eastern Standard Time, it is important you also reset your irrigation controller.

St. John’s River Water Management District sets the irrigation schedules and has tied them to time changes for over seven years. For this period running through March 11, 2017, outside irrigation is reduced to only one day per week. Odd-numbered residential addresses may water their lawns on Saturdays, while even-numbered residential addresses may water their lawns on Sundays. Commercial and non-residential properties may irrigate on Tuesdays during this period. Titusville city water, well water, and reclaimed water all fall under these restrictions.

The reason for this schedule is scientific. During the fall and winter, plants and grass growth rates slow down. This reduced rate lessens the need for irrigation. Watering your landscape when not needed can encourage fungal growth as well as disturb the normal growth cycle. A plant with new growth is more susceptible to damage during a cold snap, and new growth also increases the plant’s need to produce more food, which is tied to the amount of sunlight, water, and nutrients available. If any of these elements are missing, the plant becomes stressed and more susceptible to disease.

According to Maureen Phillips, the Water Resources Conservation and Public Outreach Manager for the City of Titusville, the irrigation schedules were set to mirror what naturally occurs in the environment. “People often think that the answer to any plant or lawn problem is to add more water,” she said. “What they don’t realize is that too much water can be the cause of many of the problems going on in their yard.”

“Titusville is not a tropical zone. Although our yards don’t experience the same degree of dormancy that northern plants experience, growth rates slow down considerably during this time of year,” explained Phillips. “Bahia grass goes dormant and turns brown in the winter. Watering and fertilizing during this time is only going to encourage weeds.”

Titusville residents can find out more about the irrigation restrictions and Florida-friendly landscaping by contacting the city’s Water Resources Conservation Office at 321-567-3865, or online by visiting the department’s irrigation website Titusville.com/irrigation.

Mourning Dove Rehabilitation

Located on Garden Street, the 50-year-old Mourning Dove Water Treatment Plant recently underwent work to rehabilitate its back up treatment unit and residuals thickener. In this project, the City drained the tanks, sandblasted, refurbished and repainted all of the steel parts. Large sections of steel were completely replaced with new steel. The Mourning Dove water treatment plant has the capacity to treat 16 million gallons per day of drinking water, which is triple the current water demand at Titusville.
NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT
PROCESS IN EFFECT

Parking enforcement within the city is being revamped as the Titusville Police Department and Titusville Code Enforcement team up with the City Attorney’s Office to improve the parking citation process. These new citations will help ensure the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. Much of the focus falls to citizens illegally parking in fire lanes and misusing handicapped parking spaces.

Parking violations are among one of the most frequent complaints TPD receives and our goal is NOT to ticket citizens. Our goal is to get compliance to parking regulations with the least amount of disruption.

“If you receive a parking citation from the City of Titusville, you have 10 days to pay that parking citation up at City Hall,” says Lt. Tom House of the Titusville Police Department. “You also have that same 10 days to request a court hearing to dispute the citation.”

Titusville Police and Code Enforcement officers will be issuing citations for violations of not only state statutes, but also local parking ordinances.

For more information on this new program, log on to the Titusville Police Department’s website at TitusvillePD.com.

Titusville’s Most Dangerous Intersections

Starting this year, the Titusville Police Department has been tracking the most dangerous intersections in town and posting updates online. This quarter, the most dangerous intersections were:

June – Garden St. and Park Ave.

July – Barna Ave. and Cheney Hwy (S.R. 50)

Aug. – S.R. 405 and S.R. 50

The TPD warns that the leading cause of these accidents continues to be “distracted driving,” and are urging drivers to pay extra attention to help make Titusville a safer place to drive.
Each holiday season fires claim the lives of over 400 Americans, injures 1,650 more, and causes over $990 million in damage. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

**PREVENTING CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES**

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

**SELECTING A TREE FOR THE HOLIDAY**

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

**CARRYING FOR YOUR TREE**

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

**DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE**

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

**MAINTAIN YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS**

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

**DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS**

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

**DO NOT LEAVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON UNATTENDED**

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**

**USE ONLY NONFLAMMABLE DECORATIONS**

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

**NEVER PUT WRAPPING PAPER IN A FIREPLACE**

It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

**ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES**

If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

**CANDLE CARE**

**AVOID USING LIT CANDLES**

If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

**NEVER PUT LIT CANDLES ON A TREE**

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.
Holiday Toy & Food Drive

Please join Titusville Fire and Emergency Services for our annual Toy and Food Drive to assist less fortunate members of our community in providing a nice Christmas holiday for their families. Anyone wishing to donate can do so at any of the city’s four fire stations, as well as other locations.

All toy donations should be new and unwrapped. The age range needed is from infant to 14 years, both boys and girls.

Recommended food item donations include: Non-perishable boxed cereal, peanut butter, boxed pasta, canned soup, canned vegetables, jelly, canned meat and instant milk. Holiday food items could include boxed stuffing, canned vegetables, canned pie fillings, evaporated milk and more.

COLLECTION TIMELINES:
- Toys: November 14-December 15
- Food: October 17-December 15

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
- City Hall—555 S. Washington Avenue
- Water Resources—2836 Garden Street
- Titusville Fire Stations
  - 617 N. Singleton Avenue
  - 550 S. Washington Avenue
  - 2150 S. Park Avenue
  - 4715 Barna Avenue

Public Works Gets New Road Paving Truck

Titusville’s Public Works Department recently purchased a new Patch Truck which will be used for road paving and repairs throughout the city. Built on a 2016 International truck chassis, the Bergkamp FPS has many integrated features including an in-pave management system that lets you know how much asphalt is still in the hopper tank, how much material you use on a patch and where in the city it was put down.

The truck has a tack tank, cleaning tank and water tank on board, as well as an onboard generator to heat and maintain asphalt material at the correct temperature. The truck has a Wacker Neuson tamping unit that packs the material onto a hydraulic platform for easy unloading, and a Stanley Hydraulic jackhammer to break up the old material on the road. It also has a superior signal system multidirection 30x60 arrow board to direct traffic. The unit will do both small and large patches due to the auger & agitator; it is an all-in-one, self-contained patcher truck.

Derelict Vessel Removal

Recently the State of Florida passed legislation that allows for the tagging and removal of local derelict vessels. This process was previously restricted to the county, but legislation now allows for the city to accomplish this on its own. Law enforcement officials and various city staff will be trained on the process in early October. In the meantime, Brevard County is still aiding Titusville in removing these abandoned vessels from the river. As of June, there were eight vessels clogging up our waterways, but with the help of the county, we are now down to three.
Embraer Aero Seating Technologies (EAST) officially opened its Titusville manufacturing plant with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 19, 2016. In attendance were company officials, members of the media, and local and state dignitaries including Brevard County Commissioner Robin Fisher and Florida Governor Rick Scott.

The $3.5 million manufacturing complex, located in Titusville’s Spaceport Commerce Park, is Embraer’s fourth operation on the Space Coast. Other operations include the company’s engineering, design, sales and administrative offices, and a manufacturing facility that produces the Phenom and Legacy executive jets. Embraer president and CEO Paulo Cesar de Souza e Silva spoke about this new facility saying, “Having spent nearly 50 years designing and developing aircraft for various markets, Embraer recognizes the distinct importance of the aircraft seat, the ultimate customer touch point. That’s why we made the strategic decision to bring this expertise in-house.”

Governor Scott remarked, “It is exciting that they have many projects in Brevard County and have created over 1,000 jobs throughout Florida. We will continue to keep working to make Florida the most business friendly state by cutting taxes and eliminating burdensome regulations.”

EAST is scheduled to begin production on their custom line of executive jet seating in November and will add about 150 jobs to the local economy.

**The Brix Project**

Playalinda Brewing Company’s brewpub, Brix Project, officially opened its doors to waiting patrons on September 26, 2016. The combination brewery and restaurant seats up to 75 people and features a unique menu new to the area.

**Spaceport Commerce Park Sign Upgrade**

The Spaceport Commerce Park sign structure recently received upgrades in the form of surface repairs and new paint.

**Baldwin Shopping Center**

The Baldwin Shopping Center on U.S. 1 in the northern part of Downtown Titusville is seeing new life as a few new businesses have opened over the past several months. River’s Edge Salon, Heather’s Newer Than Used Thrift Store, Chester’s Gold, and Connie Shew Business Services have all made their home in this plaza that has been a staple of the community for decades.
The Book Rack

The Book Rack located at 346 South Washington Avenue is under new management.

Quam’s Burger

Rus Quam’s schoolhouse-themed restaurant located at 106 Main Street in Downtown Titusville is open and cooking up new local favorite burgers and grinders.

Hobby Lobby

Construction on the first store in the new Titus Landing has been completed and the parking area is paved. The grand opening is scheduled for October 24. (Photo: Cyberdeck Flights/YouTube)

Cruisers Frozen Yogurt

Cruisers Frozen Yogurt brings back the atmosphere of a 1950’s ice cream shop and is located at 400 Main Street in Downtown Titusville.

The Kite Stop

Run by professional kite flyer and American Kite Association President John Lutter, Kite Stop is a kite and toy store located at 224 Cheney Highway.

Island Vibez Jamaican Restaurant

Island Vibez is a locally-owned restaurant featuring a variety of Jamaican Cuisine. The restaurant is located at 640 S. Park Avenue.
The City of Titusville will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2017. Stay connected with the city’s website, Facebook page and YouTube channel for the latest updates on this special celebration!

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Discover outdoor recreation and wild nature experiences — on foot, by kayak, on a fishing expedition, and now more than ever, on our cycling trails.

Within the City of Titusville, *Space View Trail (shown on map)* will provide access to existing trails in Chain of Lakes, Marina Park, Sand Point Park, across Max Brewer Bridge and within Historic Downtown, and to some of our best rocket launch viewing spots.

Jump right into memory making on Florida’s Space Coast. **Plan now to launch your next great adventure from Titusville.**

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