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COVER PHOTO: A Day Away Kayak Tours in Titusville. just one of many popular attractions here on the Space Coast. (Photo: VisitFlorida.com)
Aero Electronics

Site plans are under review for a 10,000-square-foot addition to the existing building located at 451 S. Park Avenue.

Cumberland Farms - Titusville Point

Site plans have been approved for a retail gasoline store located at the corner of S.R. 405 and S.R. 50 as part of the Titusville Point project.

Extended Stay America Hotel

Site and building plans have been approved for a 124-unit, 4-story hotel located at the southern terminus of Helen Hauser Boulevard, adjacent to the new Durango's restaurant.

Fox Lake Hammock

Engineering plans have been approved for a 62-lot, single-family home subdivision located east of South Street, north of Fox Lake Road.

Brookshire Subdivision

Preliminary Plat/Engineering plans are under review for a 170-lot, single-family home subdivision located at the northwest corner of Garden Street and I-95, across from South Lake Elementary.

Willow Creek

Preliminary Plat/Engineering plans are under review for a 70-lot, single-family home subdivision located west of Grissom Parkway, south of Shepard Drive.

South Carpenter Estates

Site construction continues on a 70-lot, single-family home subdivision located west of I-95, north of Fox Lake Road.

Woodgrain Distribution

Site construction continues on an 80,000-square-foot expansion to an existing business located at 1450 Shepard Drive.

Luna Trails

Site construction continues and the structure is taking shape for an 84-unit, 3-story apartment complex located at the southeast corner of Sycamore Street and Deleon Avenue.

Hyatt Hotel

Site construction has begun on a 119-unit hotel, and a 2-story office/retail building at the corner of US 1 and Riverfront Center Boulevard (formerly Vectorspace Boulevard).

Durango’s

Site construction is nearing completion on the new 6,600-square-foot home of Durango’s Steak House located along Helen Hauser Boulevard, south of S.R. 50.

Courtyard by Marriott

A proposal has been submitted for a limited service hotel with a pool, restaurant and bar, to be built on the 18.3-acre parcel of land in Riverfront Center (formerly Vectorspace), the location of the former U.S. Space Camp and Astronaut Hall of Fame. The hotel will consist of 152 rooms and five floors, with an open deck on the roof.
Trail & Courtyard Improvements

A total of 19 removable metal bollards have been installed on the downtown connector trail at intersections along Main Street and Indian River Avenue, and between Mariners Way and Nevins & Julia Court Yards. The bollards will be used to limit vehicles from driving on the trail and accessing the court yards making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists using these downtown areas.

Traffic Signal Box Art Update

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has given approval for the wrapping of eight traffic signal boxes located on U.S. 1 between Grace Street and Garden Street. The wraps will be installed on the signal boxes between December and January. The art wraps are the result of a partnership between the CRA, the Greater Titusville Renaissance, and the North Brevard Art League.

Brooks Landing

Brooks Landing is a proposed planned development that consists of 71.7 acres. The proposed plan calls for 168 residential units along with some associated areas of open space and is located east of U.S. 1 on Jay Jay Road. Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) #2018-1 is a petition to change the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use from Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Residential Low Density to allow for this subdivision.

Beachwave Development

Mr. Ohsh ‘Mosh’ Gal of O Wave, Inc. is proposing to construct a $3 million (approx.), 16,800-square-foot commercial building on the vacant property at the southwest corner of Garden Street and Indian River Avenue, behind Burger King. The building will have a 11,000-square-foot Beachwave retail store, a 1,800-square-foot restaurant, and a second floor open-air tiki bar and observation deck. The Titusville Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has approved a $50,000 Permit & Impact Fee Grant to be paid after the building is constructed and occupied, that will assist the developer in offsetting the costs of building permits and impact fees to construct the building.

Harley Davidson - Titus Landing

Construction is nearing completion on the new 10,000-square-foot Harley Davidson retail and service center. Work has now moved to the interior of the building which will be used for selling Harley Davidson brand motorcycle apparel and accessories, but will also house a small sales center for motorcycles. The dealership is an extension of Space Coast Harley Davidson, located in Palm Bay.

Titusville Commons Lighting

Fourteen new LED decorative light poles that are 34 feet in height have replaced the over 20-year-old light poles that were damaged by Hurricanes Matthew and Irma in the Commons parking lot. The LEDs will provide more light and will use less electricity than the previous light poles, making the Commons parking area safer for downtown visitors and more efficient for the City to operate. Chrome Electric of Titusville was the contractor for the project.

New Apartment Complex

A new apartment complex is being proposed for construction along U.S. 1 across from Parrish Medical Center. The proposed project will consist of 2- and/or 3-story, multi-family apartment buildings with a maximum height of 35 feet. There will be a mix of 1, 2, and 3 bedroom units. The site will include parking, utilities, stormwater management and comply with the Area of Critical Concern. CPA #2018-4 is a petition to change the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use from Commercial Low Intensity to High Density Residential and Rezone it from HM (Hospital Medical) to R-3 (Multifamily High Density Residential). Public hearings are scheduled before the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council in January 2019.
Agreement and Master Plan were approved on October 24, 2017. The Antigua Bay Development Agreement. The Developmental of the overall project, which consists of approximately 345 Phase 1 is a proposed 100-lot subdivision on approximately 62 acres Columbia Blvd (S.R. 405).

Site plans are under review for a 100-unit condominium project consisting of two condo buildings and a recreation building to be located on South Washington Avenue, home of the former Howard Johnson hotel.

Indian River Landings

Eight homes have already been completed, and several more are under construction in this 22-lot, single-family home subdivision located on Riveredge Drive.

Antiqua Bay

A sketch plat for Phase 1 of Antiqua Bay (formerly Sandy Pointe) was approved in November 13, 2018 by City Council for the planned community to be located along the east side of U.S. 1, north of Columbia Blvd (S.R. 405).

Forest Trace

Construction continues on this 113-lot subdivision located on Sisson Road just south of San Mateo Blvd. The southern road of the development is almost completely lined with houses, and residents have already begun moving in.

Indian River Landings

Titusville Mall Auto Center

Titusville Mall Auto Center is slated to open in February 2019 at the former Searstown Mall, in the location of the former Sears Auto Center.

CNN Picks Space Coast as One of Their “Top 19 Places to Visit in 2019”

The Space Coast has long been a travel destination like no other, with its impressive waterways, beautiful beaches, and booming aerospace industry. This year, Florida’s Space Coast joins the likes of New York City and Lima, Peru on CNN’s “Top 19 Places to Visit in 2019.” Titusville, the Gateway to Nature & Space, sits proudly at the North end of the Space Coast.

Nestled between the St. Johns River and the Indian River Lagoon, Titusville is just a stones throw from other major tourist destinations such as Orlando, Daytona Beach, and Port Canaveral.

Titusville is home to Playalinda Beach along the Canaveral National Seashore. With its designation as a national seashore, this graceful expanse of sand and waves remains unscathed by development and exists in a spectacular, pure state with 24 miles of undeveloped, white-sand beach.

The Indian River Lagoon provides nature enthusiasts and eco-tourists with sights to behold, as well as a terrific place to kayak and enjoy all that nature has to offer. We also offer picturesque views of the Kennedy Space Center from across the lagoon, where thousands gather along the shore to view the awe inspiring rocket launches that you can’t see anywhere else.

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge houses some of Florida’s most delightful creatures. Each year, hundreds of birdwatchers and nature lovers migrate to the area to get a glimpse at Titusville’s wildlife population.

Three major multi-use trails converge in Titusville, which was officially designated a Florida Trail Town in 2018. The Coast-to-Coast Trail is part of a 250-mile trail linking Titusville with St. Petersburg. Titusville is also the southern tip of the 260-mile St. Johns River-to-Sea Loop. This merges with the East Coast Greenway that is one-third complete along its 2,900-mile route between Maine and Florida.

With such easy access to the Kennedy Space Center and Florida’s wildlife, Titusville really is the Gateway to Nature & Space. Come see why it attracts so many visitors each year, and why CNN picked Florida’s Space Coast as one of the best places to visit in the world.
A Sonic-Boom for Space Coast Hospitality

Growth in local tourism and business brings new hotels to Titusville.

Tourism has been a major part of the Space Coast’s — and in particular Titusville’s — economy for many years, with tens of thousands of people flocking to our community annually. They come here not only to experience the rumble of rockets catapulting toward the heavens, but also to enjoy the wonders that nature has to offer at several wildlife sanctuaries that are all around us.

Since the early 2000s, hospitality chains have begun to realize the potential that our town has to offer and have begun building hotels here. There was a surge of construction along the I-95 corridor starting in 2004 with the Hampton Inn, then in 2008 with the Fairfield Inn & Suites, and in 2010 with the Holiday Inn — all located on Helen Hauser Blvd. of S.R. 50. Now with the renewed focus on the space industry, increased investment in the area by private space contractors, the expansion of Orlando-area theme parks and the need for more hotels, as well as increased interest in ecotourism and bike trails, it is easy to see why Titusville is on the hospitality industry’s radar once more.

TownePlace Suites by Marriott®

The first of this new string of hotel construction began in 2017 when Hotel Development and Management Group (HDG) of Ocala, Florida laid the ground work for a TownePlace Suites hotel, part of the Marriott Hotel family. HDG saw the increasing growth of Titusville as the perfect opportunity to expand their business, and a groundbreaking was held on November 9, 2017. The street was originally much shorter — ending at the two existing hotels, the Quality Inn and the Days Inn — and was in much need of repair. As a condition to get approval for their development plans, the property owners agreed to the city’s requirements and invested in a complete renovation of the existing road, and then extended it further south. This extension allows for the development of other businesses, including a new Durango’s restaurant and a new extended-stay hotel.

A Road Less Travelled

Before TownePlace Suites could even turn a shovel, the road leading to the developments had to be brought up to city standards. The new road leading to the hotels, the Quality Inn and the Days Inn — and in keeping with the unique location, the hotel will feature a launch-viewing lounge where guests could gather and watch the rockets’ red glare.

Less than a year later, it is complete and open for business, providing comfortable rooms, a gym, pool, outdoor grill area, an outdoor fire pit, and complimentary breakfast. Inside, the rooms come equipped with kitchens, desks, and pet friendly options to cater to the needs of those who here for a short visit, or will be away from home for a while.

Company executives weren’t the only ones enthusiastic about the development.

“We’re excited about having this project happen here, as it’s an opportunity here in our city that will benefit both our businesses and our citizens alike,” said Mayor Watt Johnson. “We look forward to you being here and we know you will prosper in our community.”

The developers plan to open doors within the year, but as with any project, noted that setbacks happen. The finished project will include a pool and gym, along with free breakfast and the much-anticipated launch-viewing lounge.

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There are also proposals for a new Courtyard by Marriott to move into the area. The location being looked at is the site of the former U.S. Space Camp and Astronaut Hall of Fame, positioned along S.R. 405 at the gateway to the Kennedy Space Center. The proposal is calling for redeveloping the two parcels of land that make up the 18-acre site.

The future of Titusville’s tourism and hospitality industry looks bright. With more and more development coming to the area, you can bet there will be more news to come.

The obvious-named Extended Stay America Hotel is part of a chain of hotels based out of Charlotte, North Carolina which operates over 600 properties across the United States, consisting of over 69,000 rooms. This new hotel will be four stories tall and consist of 124 rooms, and feature the standard amenities.

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The clearsighted developer of the Hyatt Place hotel.

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Bay Towers — a name linked with devastation and hardship after damage from two hurricanes left residents homeless and in despair — looks to be rising again like the mythical phoenix from its own ashes. Signs placed on the fences surrounding the property give a new name and glimmer of hope to these buildings which have stood for over five decades: DREAM Space Coast, part of a conglomerate of real estate companies called Dream-Live-Prosper.

According to the website DreamSpaceCoast.com, the buildings are undergoing major renovations to return them to not only a livable status, but to increase their quality to be luxury homes for renters. The plan includes updating all the amenities and offering contemporary, resort-style living.

A Long and Unfortunate History.

The towers were built in 1965 and have operated under many names like Blue Beach Club, Imperial Towers and Bay Towers. It has been the home to many families over the years and has seen its share of problems. In 2008, a fire in the south tower caused significant damage to the building, leaving many residents without homes and embroiled in legal issues with the homeowners’ association.

For the next eight years, only the north tower had residents, until 2016 when Hurricane Matthew caused significant roof and other damage, making it necessary for residents to find move out. Code enforcement issues would ensue as the owners tried to comply with Titusville building requirements and make repairs so that residents could return. Seven months after Matthew, the property was sold from the Bay Towers Condominium Association to Everest Properties Capital Management, LLC and repairs were made.

In the summer of 2017, the north tower was once again reopened to residents, but that wouldn’t last long — Hurricane Irma would land yet another blow on the beleaguered residents of the building in September, leading the city to condemn the property. Problems have continued to plague the property and the future of the towers has been up in the air for quite some time. However, according to the Brevard County Property Appraiser website, the buildings once again changed hands in August 2018, this time purchased by two entities: Delaware-based Charal Titusville, LLC at 65% ownership, and Florida-based Prosper Titusville, LLC at 35% ownership, for a price of $14-million.

What’s New for the Future?

According to the company’s website and social media, considerable investment is being made into the renovations. Prospective residents will have the choice of four floorplans available: studio one-bedroom/one bathroom, two-bedroom/two bathroom apartments.

Apartment Home Finishings:
- Large Balcony/Patios Perfect for Watching the Sunset
- Dark Wooden Cabinets*
- Granite Countertops*
- Stainless Steel Appliances*
- Smart Home Central Air Conditioning
- Large 18x18 Designer Floor Tile Throughout in Both Towers
- Designer Shower Tile*
- Spacious Living Room
- Washer/Dryer Hookups

* In North Tower

Residents will also have access to poolside cabanas; where an indoor-outdoor connection creates a seamless transition between the resident lounge, alfresco gathering spaces and poolside retreat. There will also be a state-of-the-art fitness center for residents to keep fit and stay healthy. Also planned for residents is a theater room, that will give residents the chance to kick back on reclining chairs, unwind from reality, and enjoy movies and other entertainment.

Some of the other amenities include:
- Gourmet Outdoor Kitchenette
- Water/Rock Features
- Tranquility Garden
- Movies Under the Stars
- Concierge Services
- FirePit Lounge
- Valet Laundering & Dry Cleaning
- Water Front Living
Local Group Works to Get the Chimes Back in Time for New Year’s 2020.

For two decades, Westminster chimes rang out every hour from the McClintock clock anchored to the corner of the old Titusville Bank and Trust in the heart of the city’s Historic Downtown. The sounds would echo for miles around, with a full melody played at noon. Then, 30 years ago, the clock fell silent — never to be heard again.

However, that will all change if the aptly named local group Save the Clock is successful in their quest.
The group, led by Steven Human, is working with Greater Titusville Renaissance (GTR) to raise funds to restore the四是sided timepiece located at the corner of Washington Avenue and Main Street.

“As a child growing up in Titusville, the clock was an important part of our youth,” said Human. “My Mother worked at the bank and we as kids would ride skate boards to downtown and spend our days at the shops. The clock let us know when Mom was going to lunch and when we had to be home.”

The clock’s restoration would be in conjunction with the work going on inside the bank building and adjacent Walker Hotel, where aerospace company Red Canyon is redeveloping the historic properties as part of their LaunchNow Titusville project. Red Canyon is supportive of the group’s efforts to restore the clock.

Support for the restoration of the clock has also been building through social media, with posts to the group’s Facebook page including positive comments from locals like Margaret Vessels, posting, “Growing up off Garden Street, our family could faintly hear the beautiful chimes on a daily bases [sic]. And when I was older and worked at the Historical Courthouse, this clock would always be the ‘audible’ beacon in my daily routine!”

“It’s the heart of downtown Titusville,” was Rick Roberts’ sentiment on the group’s page, “Save the Clock!”

Manufactured by the O.B. McClintock Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, the clock was installed on the corner of the then First Federal Bank building in the late 1960s. The McClintock-Loomis Company (1908 - 1917), succeeded by the O. B. McClintock Company (1917 - 1949), made large clocks for banks and other financial institutions. Typically, the clocks were mounted to the side of a bank building and often displayed the name of the institution. Many of these clocks had systems where a master clock inside the bank building controlled the outside clocks and chimes. There are several clocks similar to ours in cities throughout the nation including Ocala, Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; Angola, Indiana; Bar Harbor, Maine; and many more.

The original manufacturing date of the clock and the cost to restore it will only be determined once a clock expert conducts a full inspection. In order to facilitate the restoration, Save the Clock — in partnership with GTR and Playalinda Brewery — will hold several fundraising events throughout 2019 to bring people out in support of their efforts. Ultimately, the group hopes to ring in 2020 with a dedication ceremony featuring the chimes of the refurbished clock.

The M110 sans its distinctive 14-inch suppressor.

“Bringing this clock back to life would help bring the historic downtown back to life and start a new generation of memories,” said Human. “We are hoping after completion we will start a new Titusville downtown tradition by having a family-style New Year’s street party with the clock chiming at midnight.

For more information, or to donate to the project, visit their website at SaveTheClock.org. You can also learn more by going to their Facebook page at Facebook.com/SaveTheClock.

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“KAC wins $16M Army Contract for More M110 Sniper Rifles

By Chris Eger, Courtesy of Guns.com | Photos courtesy of the Department of Defense

The KAC M110 was adopted more than a decade ago and the Army just awarded a contract to acquire up to another $16.5 million worth of the rifles by 2024. (Photos: Dept. of Defense)

KAC WINS $16M ARMY CONTRACT FOR MORE M110 SNIPER RIFLES

The Army announced [Dec 2018] that Knights Armaments Co. was awarded a contract to continue to supply their M110 rifle to the service. The Titusville, Florida-based company was awarded a $16.5 million firm-fixed-price contract through the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Warren, Michigan with an expected completion date of Nov. 2024.

KAC introduced the 7.62x51mm NATO-caliber system in 2007 complete with a 20-inch chromoly SR cut rifled barrel and it has gone on to see extensive use primarily with the Army but also the Marines and Coast Guard, though it is set to be augmented in coming years by the more compact Heckler & Koch G28.

Adopted by the Army as the Semi-Automatic Sniper System, or SASS, the M110 features ambidextrous surface controls, MIL-STD-1913 rails, and a two-stage match trigger. A companion suppressor system, which mates with the M102 RaSh Hider and connects to the SR-25 gas block, is 14-inches long and gives the platform a distinctive profile.

The Marine Corps uses the M110 to replace some M4-based M39 and Mk 11 mod 1 rifles (older KAC SR-25s) as well as to complement the bolt-action M40A5.

The Coast Guard uses the M110 in counter-terror maritime security units.
Construction work is resuming at the old Walker Hotel in Downtown Titusville as crews from Loyd Contracting enter phase 1 of the building’s renovation. Phase 1 consists of structural rehabilitation, where work is done to shore up load-bearing walls and struts to facilitate the interior upgrades planned for the near-century old property. Work had been going on since Summer 2018, but time was needed to secure the necessary federal grants from the Department of the Interior as well as the North Brevard Economic Development Zone.

Now that financing is in place and work is moving forward, construction fencing will be going up soon around the property. Within the coming months, the new elevator shaft will be installed in the back of the building to provide easier access to the upper floors. Micah Loyd, the lead contractor on the project, says the project is expected to be completed by early 2020.

Resilient Titusville

Thank you to our residents who took part in the Resilient Titusville workshop on November 15th. Staff from the City of Titusville and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council worked with residents to identify and better understand the potential shocks and stresses facing the City in planning for coastal resilience due to sea level rise.

Additional opportunities for public input into the project will include an online MetroQuest survey (website below) and a final community workshop taking place on March 28, 2019.

Survey available online
Titusville.com/ResilientTitusville

Resilient Titusville funded by a grant awarded to the City of Titusville by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as the lead agency for the Florida Coastal Management Program with funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

titusvilletomorrow
2040 Comprehensive Plan

To view the draft plan visit
www.titusvilletomorrow.com

The plan incorporates the ideas generated during the Visioning workshops held in 2017.

The plan addresses three key areas of the City: the Downtown, the Waterfront, and our Commercial Gateways. Strategies include opportunities to redevelop the downtown, enhancements along the waterfront, and urban design strategies along our commercial gateways.
YOU play an important role in ensuring the safety of your drinking water. Whether you are a property owner or a tenant, you need to recognize things that you may be doing that can adversely affect the safety or quality of your drinking water. Eliminating cross connections and opportunities for backflow events is one way to help ensure that safety.

A cross connection is a connection between the City’s drinking water system and any other system or source. A cross connection is the physical connection that is like a doorway into the City’s water system. An example of a cross connection is a customer connecting their well to their city water line in order to increase their irrigation system pressure.

Your drinking water flows from Titusville’s Mourning Dove Water production plant to your home or business. When flow is reversed so that it comes from your home or business into the water system, backflow is created. Backflow is the undesirable reversal flow of a substance through a cross connection and into the piping of the City’s water system. If backflow is created and a contaminant enters the drinking water distribution system through a cross-connection, not only can the quality of water at that specific residence or business be affected, but also the water of all the consumers on the distribution system. To prevent contamination from backflow, all single-family residential meters are installed with a residential dual check valve assembly. Commercial and multi-family properties have commercial grade backflow prevention assemblies. Whenever you attach a hose to an outside spigot or modify plumbing you need to be aware of how you may be affecting the quality of your drinking water. Connecting a hose to an outside faucet and any other system or reservoir creates an opportunity for contamination to backflow into yours and your neighbor’s drinking water.

Priming your well by leaving a hose connected between a hose bib and your well, connecting fertilizer or chemical sprayers to a hose end, and turning off a hose spray nozzle, while leaving the faucet open are all ways you can create a situation that has the potential for contaminants to backflow into your home and the water system.

Backflow can occur due to siphoning or back pressure. If the water system pressure suddenly drops, as can happen when there is a nearby main break or a fire hydrant is used, the vacuum created can pull the water from the hose along with any of the contaminants or chemicals you have connected to the hose into your home and into the water system. Backflow can occur due to siphoning or back pressure. If the water system pressure suddenly drops, as can happen when there is a nearby main break or a fire hydrant is used, the vacuum created can pull the water from the hose along with any of the contaminants or chemicals you have connected to the hose into your home and into the water system. This is siphoning.

If, for example, a hose is left connected to an open spigot, the pressure in the hose will equal the water supply pressure. If a large volume of water is used in the house, the pressure drops and the hose will contract, forcing water from the hose along with any contaminants into the house. This is back pressure.

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Don’t risk your or your family’s safety. Avoid connecting contaminants to hose ends. Always turn off the water at the faucet, not the hose end. Never connect any other water source to your drinking water system.

The City of Titusville has kicked-off a Multimodal Master Plan to help promote connectivity and improve overall safety. Our goal is to identify several bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements within the City. Much of the plan will be influenced by input from citizens, business owners, and community representatives.

Take the survey at www.titusville.com/mobility and tell us what you think.

The Community Development staff and representatives from Kimley-Horn and Associates of Orlando want to hear from you! For more information, visit www.titusville.com/mobility to sign up for the Community Development Department contact list to receive updates on this project. Scan the QR code to the right to be taken directly to the online survey.

Visit www.titusville.com/mobility and sign up for email notifications about project updates, upcoming events, and to read and comment on draft documents as they are prepared.

Attend a workshop or community event. City Staff and representatives from Kimley-Horn of Orlando will be present at the events and meetings below. Come share your input!

- Let it Snow! - Friday, January 11, 2019, from 6:00pm - 9:00pm (Downtown Titusville)
- Gear up. Ride it down. - Saturday, February 23, 2019, sunrise to sunset (Titusville Welcome Center)
- Public Presentation - Thursday, April 11, 2019, at 6:00pm (Titusville City Hall)

Help spread the word on social media and invite your friends and neighbors to speak out and support the the Multimodal Plan.
Public outreach through a “School Safety” public service announcement (PSA) was produced by the Titusville Police Department early in the school year that included several safety tips for motorists and pedestrians. Also, social media advisories and informational posts, which include reminders to motorists to slow down for children and remain vigilant in school zones, will continue to be issued through multiple outlets.

Keeping our children and students safe is a community responsibility. The Titusville Police Department will continue this multifaceted enforcement detail throughout the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

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Loyd Custom Marine, Inc. 3838 S. Hopkins Avenue
Master Construction Consultants, Inc. 2323 S. Washington Ave Suite 102
Michael A. Smith 2323 S. Washington Ave Suite 102
Performance Products 1200 White Drive, Suite E
Randall Elect. Contractors 3050 S. Hopkins Avenue
Timothy Hackney Heavy Equip. Repair 1975 Silver Star Road
TJC The Salon 1543 N. Singleton Ave
Kathleen A Smith, LLC - Attorney 209 Harrison Street
Space Science Services 2323 S. Washington Ave Suite 215
Lowe Electric, LLC 2323 S. Washington Ave Suite 102
Pure Bliss Massage 835 Cheney Hwy, Suite B
Darbie Hamilton Massage 835 Cheney Highway
Florida Health Care Plan, Inc. 494 N. Washington Ave
Protek Nail, Inc. 600 Park Avenue
Salty Mermaid Spa, LLC 315 S. Washington Ave
Attention 2 Detail Cleaning Srvc 2323 S. Washington Ave Suite 102
JT’s Total Home Improvement 2323 S. Washington Ave Suite 102
FoneDoc Cell Phone Repair 3550 S. Washington Ave
Pure Convenience Concession 3550 S. Washington Ave

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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.

The application and detailed information on each of the City's boards, appointments, and vacancies can be viewed by visiting Titusville.com, the City Clerk’s Office, or by calling 321-567-3686.

Titusville Welcome Center Annual Update

Total Visitors Since Opening: 21,433