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Talking Points

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It’s been one year since the effects of the global pandemic first arrived in our area, and despite the heavy toll it’s taken on us, we as a community continue to push forward and work hard. There have been struggles for many businesses, however, as a whole, Titusville has maintained a strong economy and is continuing to grow.

New residential developments are under construction, new restaurants are opening up, small businesses are expanding, and people are working. Though times remain difficult for some, things are improving. So, stay strong, remain hopeful, and keep up the good fight; and remember...

...We are Titusville.
Mutter Office Building

A site plan is under review for a 2,316-square-foot office building to be located at 346 S. Washington Avenue.

Launch Federal Credit Union

A site plan is under review for a 3,796-square-foot credit union to be located west of Singleton Avenue and south of Garden Street, next to the Walgreen's store.

Falcon's Roost Subdivision (Formerly Lake Bella)

A preliminary plat/site plan is under review for a 28-lot single-family home subdivision on 53 acres located east of Apollo Elementary School, along the north side of Knox McRae Drive.

Fox Lake Hammock

A site permit has been issued and site construction is underway for a 61-lot, single-family home subdivision located north of Harrison Street east on SR 405.

Popeyes

Site and building construction are nearing completion for a 2,503-square-foot restaurant located at the southeast corner of State Road 50 and Helen Hauser Boulevard.

Vystar Credit Union

A site permit has been issued and demolition has already commenced on the old Eckerd store located at the corner of Cheney Hwy. and Barna Avenue. The site will be the future home of a new Vystar Credit Union.

Lockheed Martin Expansion

Lockheed Martin is expanding operations at its Fleet Ballistic Missile headquarters in South Titusville. A site plan is under review for a 178,993-square-foot manufacturing and office building to be located at 1103 John Glenn Boulevard, across from the Titusville Police Department headquarters.

Adjacent to its headquarters building, crews are already at work constructing a new parking lot, drive-aisles, stormwater and other landscape improvements.

Around the corner, at 1400 White Drive, Lockheed is planning work to an existing property it acquired in 2018. A site plan under review for site improvements to an existing facility and the construction of a new 46,601-square-foot industrial building.

Tranquility Bay (Formerly Antigua Bay)

A final plat is under review for phase 1 of the subdivision consisting of 100 single-family homes at the northeast corner of US 1 and SR 405. For more information on this project, see the article in our Feature Stories section on page 9.

Verona Subdivision

A sketch plat is under review for the second phase of the Verona Subdivision (Formerly Willow Creek) which consists of 174 single-family homes on 117 acres. Site work is complete for Phase 1, and construction continues on the single-family homes.

Titusville Medical Office

A site plan is under review for a 5,285-square-foot medical office to be located at 2335 S. Washington Avenue.

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Aspen Dental

Site and building construction have begun on the Aspen Dental office located at Titusville Point at the corner of SR 405 and Cheney Highway.

Discount Tire

Site construction has begun on a new Discount Tire store, to be located at Titusville Point, behind the new Cumberland Farms.

River Palms

Site and building construction continue for 100-residential condominium units within two buildings with associated amenities, located at 1805 Riverside Drive, across from Titusville High School.

Canopy Living ALF

A site permit has been issued and ground work has commenced for a 49,913-square-foot assisted living facility to be located at 2805 Cheney Highway.

Brooks Landing Subdivision

A preliminary plat/site plan is under review for a 143-lot, single-family home subdivision located on the north side of Jay Jay Road.

Horizon Sandpoint

Site and building plans are under review for the redevelopment of the former Sandpoint Plaza located at 22 N. Washington Avenue. The proposed plan includes apartments, parking garage and commercial mixed-use buildings.

Hope Hammock

A site plan has been approved for a 9-unit, multi-family development to be located at the northwest corner of Palmetto Street and South Brown Avenue.

Chaffee Drive Development

Site plans are under review for a 9,221-square-foot warehouse and office located north of Chaffee Drive. The new facility will be the home of Bragg’s Central Florida operations which is currently located on Merritt Island.

Home Depot Outparcel

A site plan is under review for a 4,200-square-foot retail/restaurant & new parking lot located at 3363 Columbia Boulevard.

Wendy Lee Condominiums

A site plan has been approved for 6-unit condominium building located on the south side of Wendy Lee Drive.

Harbor Freight Tools

Harbor Freight Tools is planning to open a new store in Titusville at the former location of Bennett Auto on Garden Street, behind Walgreens. The company stated April 2021 as their target for opening.
Brookshire Subdivision

A site permit has been issued for Phase 1, 71 single-family home lots, which is part of a 166-lot single-family home subdivision located at the northwest corner of Garden Street and I-95.

Alpha-Omega Training and Compliance

A site plan is under review for a 9,600-square-foot office and storage building located at 1540 Armstrong Drive, for Alpha-Omega Training and Compliance, Inc., an environmental, health & safety, and compliance business which supports myriad government and private entities throughout the southeast U.S.

MJW Consolidated

A site plan is under review for a 13,400 square foot office & fabrication shop/warehouse located at 1825 Shepard Drive.

Community Redevelopment Agency – Downtown Landscaping

The infill of landscaping and mulch to the S. Washington Avenue and South Hopkins Avenue rights-of-way between Grace Street and Main Street was completed in March 2021 with funds from the CRA.

Bicycle Repair Stations

Two bicycle repair stations have been placed in the downtown area to assist cyclists using the local trails. One station is located at the Downtown Welcome Center, and the other is located adjacent to the trail on Indian River Avenue, near Veterans Park.

Space View Park – Pedestrian/Observation Pier

The CRA accepted a study by Taylor Engineering, Jacksonville, FL regarding the feasibility of constructing a pedestrian/observation pier connecting Space View Park to Veterans Park at the February 9, 2021 CRA meeting. The consultant is now preparing a scope and cost estimate to complete the design, permitting and construction of the pier to present to the CRA at a future CRA meeting.

Titusville Set to Launch New Historic Booklet and Driving/Walking Tour

Knowledge of one’s history is important to have. With that in mind, the City of Titusville, through its Historic Preservation Board, is preparing a new Titusville Historic Booklet and Driving/Walking Tour website and mobile app. These tools will be used to highlight the many historic landmarks, places and events in the Greater Titusville area, in an effort to educate residents and visitors on the unique and important legacy of our local area. The Titusville Historic Preservation Board obtained a $30,000 grant for fiscal year 2021 from the Florida Division of Historical Resources to fund the project. The funding is part of the State’s Historic Preservation Grants Program, which allocates state funds appropriated by the Legislature — and federal funds apportioned to the state by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service — for the preservation and protection of the state’s historic and archaeological sites and properties. The booklet and driving/walking tour are being produced by Coherit Associates of Branford, Connecticut, and is expected to be completed in June 2021.

Welcome Center Becomes Home to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Gift Shop

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Gift Shop has moved into the Downtown Welcome Center temporarily while construction of a new Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center is under construction. The Gift Shop is expected operate out of the Welcome Center for approximately one year until the new visitor center at the refuge is completed.

For fans of the Burrito bowl, it has been confirmed, Chipotle Mexican Grill will be opening a new restaurant at Titus Landing. The proposed location is the south east outparcel of the plaza at the corner of Harrison Street and Washington Avenue, in front of Hobby Lobby. The company anticipates opening in the Fall of 2021. Presently, City of Titusville building officials are reviewing plans for the new 6,150 sq. ft. single story building. The plans show that the building will face toward Washington Avenue, and will be comprised of the Chipotle restaurant and an undetermined retail space. Known for their fresh ingredients and gluten-free practices, Chipotle has become a favorite for health conscience diners since 1993. Titusville will be the newest Chipotle, of its 2,750 restaurants located throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. For more information on Chipotle Mexican Grill, visit their website at chipotle.com.
Three businesses manage to hold on — even grow — during difficult times.

The ever-changing business landscape of Downtown Titusville has some new and exciting things happening. In a year of uncertainty and economic woes, where many local businesses struggled to continue operating after COVID, a few companies in town have decided to hang out their shingle and claim their spot in historic downtown Titusville, and beyond.

The Daley Trade
Opened originally as a bread and pasta delivery service in 2020, The Daley Trade will be moving in to 330 S. Washington Ave — the former home to MacSweets, which closed up shop in December 2020.

“I wanted to start my own business based on my love for comfort food and cooking at home,” said Terrance Daley, owner and graduate of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America. “I am always amazed and inspired by food because of the ability it has to bring people together.”

“Some of my fondest memories over the years have been dinners with friends and family and I wanted to find a way to help people replicate those memories in their homes,” Daley said. “I’m super excited to give people the ingredients and means to help them create incredible homemade meals, hoping that they can share the good times with others.”

For more information on the products and services offered by The Daley Trade, or to order from their growing list of items, go to their website at thedaleytrade.com or call (540) 729-2025.

Real Living Mutter Reality
The future home of Mutter Reality will be built on the corner or Julia St. and Washington Ave. in Titusville. The former Bookrack building was demolished on July 6, 2020, and in its place, Mutter plans to construct a two-story building which will fit the historic look of Downtown Titusville, matching the surrounding architecture and maintain the historic charm.

Mutter Real Estate Group is a full-service real estate brokerage, handling residential, commercial, sales and leasing property management, relocation and all distressed sales. They are family owned and operated.

For the latest information on available properties and services, go to mutterealestategroup.com or call (321) 269-9855.

Olive You, LLC
A small gourmet olive and vinegar shop is the perfect ingredient to add to the diverse mix of specialty retailers in Titusville. Currently, the shop is located in Suite #1 at 11 Main Street, but plans are in motion for it to relocate in June to a storefront along Titusville’s main thoroughfare at 5167 S. Washington Ave.

Their focus, they say is “Leading with their heart and a strong devotion for our community.” Olive You LLC seeks to tailor their products to your tastes and educate the public on the blend of fine extra virgin olive oils & delicious balsamic vinegars.

“We deliver the rewards of mother nature and innovate ways to boost fresh, delicious tastings. It’s all about you.” said Johnny Herrera owner of Olive You LLC. “Understanding the birth of the olives, location and tracing its lifecycle to ensure the support of acceptable agricultural practices, the preservation of natural resources, and improving the quality of olive products leaving us with only the best quality olive oil.”

“We can’t wait to meet you!” To learn more about the unique olive and vinegar blends and tasting opportunities, head over to oliveyoutastings.com or call (321) 225-4766.
Titusville and surrounding area named to three prestigious national and international lists.

Over the past six months, Titusville and our surrounding area has been named to three national and international lists because of the strength of our economy and tourism industry.

Most Dynamic Metropolitan Regions
In November of 2020, the Titusville-Melbourne-Palm Bay region was selected as the 25th “Most Dynamic Metropolitan Regions” of the United States by Heartland Forward. A Bentonville, Arkansas-based organization focused on improving economic performance in the center of the United States. The organization published the report ranking 375 U.S. metropolitan areas based on their economic performance, placing our community in the upper echelon of the country because of our continued growth and development.

The report based their findings on increased federal spending on defense and space contracts, the influx of commercial space companies bringing high-wage jobs to the area, the growing housing market as a result of low-rate mortgages and increased employment, as well as the traditionally-strong tourism through Port Canaveral’s status as the world’s second-busiest cruise ship port (pre-pandemic).

Heartland Forward estimates that the Titusville-Melbourne-Palm Bay metropolitan area is poised for continued growth. Through aggressive recruitment of aerospace firms, sizable investments by existing firms like Lockheed Martin’s $40 million Fleet Ballistic Missile Program recruitment of aerospace firms, sizable investments by existing firms like Lockheed Martin’s $40 million Fleet Ballistic Missile Program, and increased investment in tourism facilities including the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and the Kennedy Space Center, as well as the KSC Visitor Complex, the Titusville-Melbourne-Palm Bay region has seen a significant boost in economic activity.

Top 25 Best of The World Destinations
Titusville and the Space Coast of Florida was recently listed among the 25 “Best of The World” destinations by National Geographic, highlighting our area’s continued prominence among international travel and family vacation locales.

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Links:
- https://heartlandforward.org/most-dynamic-metropolitan-regions-2020

What the Future Holds
As a result of the global pandemic, the developers are revisiting their plans to redesign some of the weight distribution load path of both the hotel and the old bank to support the necessary changes being made and the increased stress would they be facing. Other changes have included the installation of replacement windows, disability improvements such as elevators and wheel chair ramps, and most alarming of all, ensuring that the structural integrity of the building was safe enough for its future tenants.

Harvey explained that every time the developer needed to make a change, permission had to be sought from the state and national level in order to maintain historic grant funding. Ultimately, approval had to be granted by the NPS in order to make important safety and quality of life improvements to the building, including the installation of modern-day windows, disability improvements such as elevators and wheel chair ramps, and most alarming of all, ensuring that the structural integrity of the building was safe enough for its future tenants.

"Our view is that tech jobs are more sustainable and higher paying," according to Kevin Klawon, executive director for the Milken Institute’s Center for Regional Economics. “Cities that have more of those jobs tend to be more sustaining in terms of the rankings.”

The institute stated that our area has seen job growth exceeding 17% from 2014 to 2019, and wage growth of 37% between 2018 and 2019 which helped elevate the area in the rankings. Since the onset of the pandemic, however, employment has only fallen 1.5% as a result of the economic downturn, and the institute believes it is only a matter of time before that is recovered.

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The Shores at Tranquility is a brand new, private, gated residential community located on pristine and previously undeveloped land along Florida’s Space Coast. Phase I of this beautiful community includes just 97 waterfront home sites — 62 of those lots with direct Intracoastal frontage.

At one time called Antigua Bay, the 250-acre property has been in various stages of planning for many years, but has finally seen new life recently. Crews are beginning the process of turning this vast untouched riverfront land into a vista sure to attract people from all over to move to Titusville.

“This property is a unicorn. You’ll never see anything like it again,” says Tom Kirsop, General Sales Manager and Broker of the Shores at Tranquility Properties.

**History in the Making**

“This is a literal front row view to watching HISTORY!” Kirsop says. The Shores at Tranquility is located on Florida’s Space Coast, with a direct view of the Kennedy Space Center’s launch site. “They’re sending satellites up to learn more, and trying to get to Mars. We’re talking direct view of the Kennedy Space Center launch site. ‘They’re sending launches in plain view.’

But Kirsop is quick to point out that this community offers so much more to prospective owners than its proximity to the Kennedy Space Center launch site. It is, after all, part of the Gateway to Nature and Space.

**Nature**

This area is considered Mother Nature’s playground. Not only will the Shores at Tranquility provide residents with access to the most groundbreaking advances of science and space travel, but residents will be able to explore the immaculate 322 acres of Earth’s very own natural beauty, within the gated community.

“This property is unique because most communities have maybe a mile of water views across an Intracoastal Waterway,” Kirsop points out. “Shores of Tranquility is three-to-five miles of water views across, so it’s like you’re looking at the ocean.” He says, adding that it isn’t just the access to the beautiful Intracoastal Waterway that sets Shores at Tranquility apart.

**Plenty to Explore**

Within the gated community will be a variety of private walking trails through the woods. There will be ample opportunity to spot birds and other wildlife without having to leave the neighborhood. This will be a great place for neighbors and families to spend time together and enjoy time in the outdoors.

The community’s close proximity to the 140,000-acre Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge just across the bridge, makes it a prime place to plant roots and call home. It’s also a short drive from the incredible Indian River Lagoon, providing residents a variety of ways to be adventurous, find a peaceful moment to enjoy the allure of Florida, or just get some fresh air and exercise outdoors.

Across from the gates, there is also the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, which encompasses 471 beautiful acres of nature preserve with walking, biking and hiking trails.

**Community Amenities**

“There’s something for everyone,” says Kirsop. “There will be resort-style swimming pool, along with tennis and pickleball courts, a playground, and a fitness center for our community members to enjoy.” In addition to these activities, the community will feature a mixed-use town center.

**Access to All Things Florida**

The Shores at Tranquility will be perfectly located near several bodies of water, giving residents another great reason to get out on the water. The freshwater rivers and marshes along the Space Coast are known for bass fishing, shrimping, crabbing, and some of the largest tagged redfish to have ever been caught. Residents will also have access to walk to the community’s pier, if they simply want to spend some time casting without getting out in a boat.

“A Luxury Riverfront Lifestyle

New Gated Residential Community

Already Under Construction

Artwork rendering showing the private entrance into the gated community.

This 250-acre tract of land will one day be the luxury development known as The Shores at Tranquility.
Another big advantage The Shores at Tranquility offers is a sense of distance from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world while still enjoying easy access to Orlando, beautiful beaches, shopping, and great area restaurants.

"Orlando Airport is about 35 minutes away, along with the metro area that offers everything from great sporting venues and concerts to shopping like the Mall of Millenia, and fun for the whole family at Disney and Universal," says Kirsop. "Speaking of sporting venues, the Daytona 500 is less than an hour north."

Kirsop also notes these aren’t the only attractions nearby. The community is about 15 minutes from the ocean, including some of the most pristine beaches you will find on the Florida Coast, including Playalinda Beach and Cocoa Beach, which are just minutes away. Besides beaches, there are great venues for an array of arts and culture, also only a short drive away.

TranquilitySpaceCoast.com
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters (LWV) was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt shortly before the Women's Suffrage Amendment was ratified. After years of hard work and organizing, women across the country suddenly had the right to vote, so the LWV next structured itself to help those newly enfranchised women become politically educated and responsible voters. In 1973, the national charter was modified giving men the opportunity to join the League.

Over the years the League has opened the door to intellectual activity and involvement in political life. When the political establishment first began seeing women as capable of serving on local boards and holding office, they naturally began seeking their advice and support. The League continues to study many issues and actively promotes reform where necessary. The LWV remains a pertinent citizen voice in local government and will continue to serve as a training ground for many community leaders in the future.

The Florida League was formed in 1939 by three local Leagues: St. Petersburg, Winter Haven and Winter Park-Orlando. Currently in Florida there are 29 local leagues statewide. Nationally the LWV is in every state as well as Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and worldwide as far away as Hong Kong with a total of 900 state and local leagues.

The first League in Brevard County, the League of Women Voters of Cocoa, was formed in 1948 with twenty-one members. When the original charter was granted the League was called to be the Central Brevard League. This request was denied since county apppellations could not be used. In 1953 the request was resubmitted, and again, it was denied.

Since the LWV membership activity truly represented Central Brevard rather than simply Cocoa, the request to change the name was finally granted in 1960. On Sept. 1 of that year, the organization became known as the LWV of Central Brevard.

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As a local with a love for the Lagoon, you can take these Lagoon-friendly actions to preserve it.

Yes, you love the Indian River Lagoon like a local and want to do everything in your power to preserve clear waters, alive with lush sea grass beds and thriving fish, birds, mammals, and dolphins. Embracing how to “Love it Like a Local” will you will assure your lifestyle continues to enhance the vibrancy, aesthetic appeal, and economic value of the Lagoon.

FOR EVERYONE

- Recycle and keep the Lagoon free of trash
- Use reusable or paper bags at the grocery
- Use as little plastic as possible
- Minimize pesticide use and dispose of toxic chemicals correctly
- Stop siphon leaks, inspect your drain field as well as your septic tank
- Wash your car at a carwash – keep soap and chemicals out of the Lagoon
- Put only clean water down street sewers or drains – no trash, no grass, no oil or soap

YOUR YARD

- Plant a Lagoon-friendly lawn with native plants that don’t need additional watering or require less
- When mowing, blow grass clippings back on lawn
- Obey the summer fertilizer ban June 1 – Sept. 30
- Minimize lawn watering
- Direct downspouts into lawns, away from paved areas
- Repair and use timed-sprinklers
- Remember reclaimed water doesn’t need fertilizer

IF YOU LIVE DIRECTLY ON THE LAGOON

- Plant a living shoreline
- Keep yard waste and fertilizer OUT of the Lagoon
- Grow oysters on your dock
- Remember: Obey the law. Don’t cut mangroves without a permit

NEW HOME OWNERS

- Check plumbing systems for durability
- Inspect septic systems thoroughly, upgrading to an advanced system if possible
- Install Water Sense high-efficiency toilets and other plumbing fixtures
- Obtain a seator line inspection from your curb to your home
- Ask about the option to go solar

DINERS—START A TREND

- Bring your own re-usable bags for leftovers
- Just say “No Straw, please.”
- Help your favorite places to dine understand there’s a local desire for them to provide better alternatives.

ONE LAGOON

One of the most diverse estuaries in the nation, the Indian River Lagoon features an extraordinary mix of wildlife and native plants, fishing and boating opportunities, and beautiful residential shorelines.

It’s a unique natural asset worth preserving.

PROJECT FUNDING by the IREEFP Small Grants program

WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?

At HelpTheLagoon.org/volunteer, learn about your great options. Meet neighbors and make friends through hands-on actions like oyster gardening, planting living shorelines, or beach clean-ups.

- Support nonprofits helping the Lagoon
- Pick up trash with Keep Brevard Beautiful
- Help plant living shorelines, oyster reefs, and mangroves
- RestoreOurShores.org/volunteer
- SaveTheLagoon.org/volunteer
The Titusville Community Service Award Select Committee is seeking nominations for its annual award. This award was established in honor of Reverend Harry R. Lee for his extraordinary, long-term contributions. Reverend Lee served the community in many different capacities. He was the City Chaplain, City Employee Assistance Advisor, Chaplain of Sertoma Club, and Chaplain of the Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce. By his spirit, words, and actions he personified the concept of unity and the spirit of service in the community. This year’s award will be presented on June 14th at the Flag Day/Community Service Award Celebration. Like Mr. Lee, nominees should be those who have made great contributions to the Titusville area. We invite you to help us honor these exceptional individuals by submitting a nomination today! For more information and to receive a nomination form, contact Caitlin Rodriguez in the City Clerk’s Office at 567-3686. The form is also available at the information desk at City Hall.

Submission deadline: Monday, May 3rd

Parrish Medical Center is providing both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to the public at their facility located at 2210 Cheney Highway. As of April 5, vaccines were made available for all persons 18 years of age and older. Appointments are required in order to receive a vaccine. To schedule an appointment, call the Parrish COVID hotline at (321) 268-6311, or go online to vaccine.parrishmed.com. Another option available is through the Brevard County Department of Health site at brevard.floridahealth.gov. Individuals who are homebound and would like to have a vaccine, can do so by contacting Brevard County Fire Rescue at (321) 633-2056. For more information, go to the Parrish Website link at: https://www.parrishhealthcare.com/about-us/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-updates/

Spring has sprung and the dog days of summer are nipping at our heels. When you set your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Saving Time, did you set your irrigation controller to the Spring/Summer schedule? During Daylight Saving Time, March 14 through November 7, the irrigation restrictions changed to allow outside irrigation no more than twice a week. Homes with even-numbered addresses may irrigate on Thursdays and Sundays. Homes with odd-numbered addresses may irrigate on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Businesses may irrigate on Tuesdays and Fridays. The irrigation restrictions apply to reclaimed water, well water, and city water use.

Florida’s rainy season starts in April. Check to see how to manually over-ride your controller settings so that during thunderstorms and heavy rain you can turn off your irrigation system. Florida state law requires all automatic irrigation systems to be equipped with a rain sensor so that sprinklers cannot operate during rain events. The no-more-than-twice-a-week schedule recognizes that during this time of year plants are exposed to more sunlight and are in a growth cycle, so they may need more water. However, by using native plants and planting the right plant in the right place, you may not need any supplemental irrigation, as normal rainfall may provide enough water for your plants’ needs. To choose the right plant for the right place, just look at the conditions present in your yard. Does that area of the yard get sun all day long? Is it shaded by a neighboring tree? Does the area remain wet for a long period after a rain? Match a plant’s light and water needs to your site conditions to ensure a successful, stress-free landscape that thrives.

More information on the irrigation restrictions and how to create an attractive water-saving yard is available by contacting the Water Conservation Office at 321-567-3865 or by visiting the Water Resources Department’s Conservation Program pages at www.titusville.com.

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The Titusville Police Department is urging all motorists to put down distracting devices. Florida laws require drivers put their phones down and focus on driving and prohibits the use of wireless communications devices in a handheld manner in school and work zone. Motorists could receive a citation up to $60, plus court fees and three points on their license. Motorists, please focus on driving.

Additionally, pedestrians and cyclists sharing the roadway, be alert and deactivate your distracting devices, so that you are aware of important audio cues and motor vehicle traffic. Remember road safety is a two-way street.

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The Coronavirus has changed the way a responder thinks prior to entering. They may ask questions from the doorway including, “can you come outside?” — “has anyone in the house been sick? had a fever?” These are important questions that responders not only use to protect themselves, but also to protect you and your family.

Our firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs are here doing the best they can to help you and keep you safe. Please remember to wear a mask, wash your hands, socially distance yourself.

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Open For Business

Beachwave

Beachwave opened their doors in January 2020, providing a plethora of beach attire, swimming accoutrement and more.

Five Below

A new Five Below store has opened inside the Target Plaza on Columbia Boulevard.

Olive You

Olive You, a new specialty shop featuring various olive oils and balsamic vinegars, is open at 11 Main Street in Downtown Titusville.

Florida Classic Custom Auto

A new automotive customization shop has opened at 701 South Washington Avenue.

Historic Spotlight

The O.K. Barber Shop

Located at 323 S. Washington Ave., this building was built in 1925 and housed the O.K. Barber Shop. (newspaper photo) In 1925, 19-year-old Warren Davis, who was referred to as “George” because he hailed from Georgia, left Georgia and came to Florida on a train to work as a barber. He attended barber classes run by the state twice a week at right for six weeks. When Davis started work in Titusville there was only one other barber shop. At the O.K. Barber Shop, Davis became Titusville’s only combination beauty and barbershop operator. The first beauty shop in Titusville was in a room in back of the barber shop. Beauty operators curled women’s hair with electric permanent wave machines; and didn’t cut hair back then. Barbers cut both men and women’s hair. During the days when most of the town’s population came to Davis for a haircut, there were 4 full-time barbers. You can almost visualize what the barber shop looked like. Outside was the red, white and blue barber pole twisting around. Inside was an antique cabinet full of old-fashioned bottles of tonics that put the finishing touch to a good shave along with brushed on powder, straight-edge razors, leather razor strips, the sinks, hand cranked black barber chairs, brass razor strips, the sinks, hand cranked black barber chairs, brass cash register, and a shoe shine stand built in 1956 – all original.

The barbershop was a place to swap fish stories, get a snappy shoeshine and personalized service that included everything from an eyebrow trim to dosages of cure-all tonics. Haircuts were 50 cents and shaves 25 cents. When young boys were brought in for their first haircuts, they sat on the “board” – a slat across the barber chair arms and cried. Davis purchased the shop in 1937, and it was the center of social activity, especially on Saturday nights when they stayed open ‘til midnight. Explanation of how one of the high-backed black wooden chairs had a rung broken is that a gunman burst into the beauty shop during the ’30s and threatened to shoot a customer. Davis and another man wrestled away the .38 pistol, but the gunman ended up getting his middle finger shot off. The barber shop was later moved to the back of the building, with the barber pole and entrance facing Hopkins Ave. The O.K. Barber Shop stayed in business until it closed in the late 1980s.

In Loving Memory...  

With great sadness, the Titusville Police Department recently announced that retired Titusville Police K9 “Lex” passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2021. Lex served with honor and valiant recognition alongside three K9 handlers during his time of service, ultimately retiring with Titusville Police Sergeant Mark Jennings.

Lex was certified and began his dedicated work for this city in March 2010, and retired from service in April 2017. Lex was born to love, trained to serve, and loyal until the end. Lex leaves behind his devoted fellow law enforcement family at the Titusville Police Department, a grateful Titusville community, and his loving Jennings family.