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50

YEARS

JUNE 2-4, 2007

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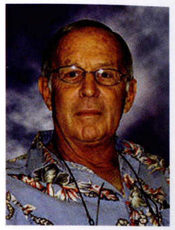
Mayor Jim Humpage



Fifty years ago the Village of Tequesta was one man's dream of paradise. Today that dream has transpired into the home of over 5000 residents who feel they have found their little slice. Originally a retirement community, Tequesta's demographics have changed and that all familiar yellow school bus now makes its daily rounds.

In my 40 years of exposure the changes have been dramatic. Things were picking up when we were exposed to the bowling alley, Piggly Wiggly Market and the Truck Stop, with its unpaved parking lot. Cato's Bridge to the island on Beach Road swung in the middle and the Snook were piled up like cord wood below it.

Yes, we all reminisce how it used to be, but we still remain the Village of Tequesta. Webster's' definition of a Village- "larger than a town but smaller than a hamlet". Has a nice ring to it, don't you think? Nestled between the Loxahatchee River, Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean, we have found our little bit of heaven.

Today we are afforded many of the 21st century comforts. First class would best describe our municipal complex, public safety and recreational facilities. While progress may sometimes be troublesome, the Village has always moved slowly and considered the quality of life of its residents. Young and old alike benefit from our surroundings and the services offered by the Village. A wonderful place to live and a wonderful place of which to be a part.....HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TEQUESTA!

1957—"Living Color" television sets become available for the general public. RCA Victor advertises a 21" color television for $495.

Village Manager Michael Couzzo, Jr.

Blest by nature, the Village of Tequesta has become a sanctuary in today's hurried world. Fifty years after the incorporation, the Village has maintained her charm and character. Frequently referred to as "The Jewel of Palm Beach", the Village continues a long tradition as a special place to live and work.

This June, residents will celebrate a "Golden Tribute" to the Village of Tequesta. A variety of activities are planned for all residents to participate.

On behalf of all employees, I would like to extend a very Happy 50th Anniversary wish.

— *Michael R. Couzzo, Jr.*

Vice-Mayor Pat Watkins

This is a very exciting time for the Village of Tequesta. We are celebrating our 50th anniversary and for those of us who have been here for a number of years, it has been interesting to watch the changes in our Village. We are so fortunate to live in an area that has seen some growth and development but because of our geographical boundaries and limitations, we will always be a small neighborhood community.

Tequesta has been able to grow into a well planned municipality with our own Public Safety Department and Water Plant. We have seen our Parks and Recreation Department become a real asset to be enjoyed by every age group. We are dedicated to providing our residents with the highest level of service that we can.

I hope you will all enjoy this anniversary celebration with us. This is our community and we have every reason to be proud of it.

Village Department Heads

Village Manager:	Michael Couzzo Jr.
Public Works:	Russell White
Community Dev:	Catherine Harding
Code Compliance:	Joe Petrick
Village Clerk:	Lori McWilliams
Human Resources:	Merlene Reid
Finance:	JoAnn Forsythe
Parks & Recreation:	Greg Corbitt
Water Utilities:	Roy Fallon
Fire Dept. Chief:	James Weinand
Police Dept. Chief:	William McCollom

Current Village Council Members:

Mayor:	Jim Humpage
Vice-Mayor:	Pat Watkins
Council Member:	Dan Amero
Council Member:	Calvin Turnquist
Council Member:	Tom Paterno

Support Staff:

Debra Telfrin, Executive Assistant
Sharifa Tharpe, Office Assistant
Betty Laur, Recording Secretary

Our Indian Story...

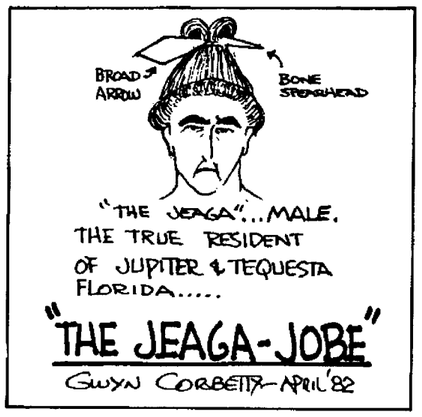
In the 60's and 70's, Tequesta's Indian logo looked like an advertisement for Taco Bell.

In preparation for Tequesta's 25th Anniversary, the Loxahatchee Historical Society was contacted. We asked for an accurate picture or drawing of our Indian.

When it was received, we double-checked its accuracy with Bessie DuBois, our venerable local historian. Bessie glanced at the illustration, smiled, and said "Oh No! That Indian lived up near Daytona Beach! Our Indian was the JAEGA-JOBE!".

The late Gwyn Corbett worked with Bessie and her knowledge of our Indian (which was mainly derived from Jonathan Dickinson's Journal). When Gwyn completed her research and finalized the drawing that is now our Village's symbol, it was approved and blessed by Bessie.

And so we present to you Our Indian!



In Memoriam for Gwyn Corbett who spent countless hours of research to create the proper depiction of the true first inhabitants of Tequesta— The Jaega Indians for Tequesta's 25th Anniversary

Tequesta's first Indian logo

The following excerpts are from an intriguingly thorough study on Indians of the area as they relate to the selection of the name "Tequesta" for our Village. The material is part of a comprehensive manuscript by Gwyn Corbett.

Contrary to what we all thought, the Tequesta Indians never lived here permanently. That bit of folklore which led to the selection of the charming name for the Village seems to be historically disproved. But still, the Tequesta were nomads...so let's read what Gwyn had to say about the Tequesta and their "kinfolk", the Jaega for the 25th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet.

By Gwyneth D. Corbett

They Liked Inlets

"The Tequesta Indians (Tegesta) were a southern Florida aboriginal tribe that occupied most of the present Dade County and as far north as Pompano in Broward County. To the west and south their lands merged with the *Calusa* and boundaries wavered from time to time as that more powerful tribe dominated Tequesta settlements."

"At various times the Tequesta were also in the Keys. They occupied the Everglades only around the edges. Their preference was the Miami area, with the largest settlements on Biscayne Bay (Chequesha). Many artifacts of this tribe have been found there. They liked to live at the mouth of streams, inlets and among coastal beaches."

"Their habits and cultures were similar to the *Jaega* and the Ais of our area (Jupiter-Tequesta to South of Cape Kennedy). They were non-agricultural, living as semi-nomads and relying entirely on wild foods. However, they were inclined to cannibalism, practicing child sacrifice (even as late as 1743) and eating the heart of the enemy to inspire them with courage 'blood for blood'. They also went to grisly extremes in burial of their dead in great ceremonies of chanting and dancing. They worshipped the sun under the semblance of a stuffed deer.... And they were governed by a chief.

Johnson Wax Corporation Introduces Glade in 1957

Jaegas Are Similar

The *Jaega* and the *Jobe* (Hobe) are of the same tribe. A small group comprised of three villages, not industrious or powerful, they were spring-offs from the major sophisticated Argonomic *Timucuan* Indians.

The Jaegas did not plant or sow, or care for anything but what the barren sand produced. They fished from the rivers and sea, hunted animals, birds, and lived as semi-nomads relying entirely on wild foods.

Timucuan Indian

They had a chief (sometimes referred to as *'King'* as in their relative *Timucuan* Tribe). Their chief King was 'The Casseekey'.

Housing was constructed as a combination wig-wam/cabin made of a series of small poles stuck in the ground and bent over forming an arch "man-high", covered with a thatch of small Palmetto leaves.

The furniture consisted of a bench-type frame, 1-foot high covered on top with sticks then covered with a mat of woven reeds.

Jupiter Settlement

The largest settlement in this area was located on the South side of the Jupiter Inlet, where the DuBois homestead is located. At that time the terrain was fairly level but with dunes. The build-up of the Indian mound

1957 Minimum Wage:	*$1.00/hour*
Average Hourly Rate:	*$2.10/hour*
Per Capital Personal Income:	*$2,050.00*

TV Stars Born in 1957: Katie Couric · Dan Castellaneta · Fran Drescher · Matt Lauer · Leeza Gibbons · Paul Reiser · Ray Romano · Katie Sagal · Vanna White

Indian Story continued...

existing is centuries and centuries of Jaega debris. A shard of pottery dated 500 BC was found there and is in the DuBois collection of artifacts.

It is an interesting fact that corn was grown on then dry land, near Lake Okeechobee in 500BC and dated possibly even 500 years earlier. (Not planted by the *Jaegas* however.)

Florida was the home of more than 100,000 Indians when Christopher Columbus first sailed to the new world in 1492. The Indians were the descendents of nomadic Indian hunters who had entered the state in search of game at least 10,000 years earlier. But today there are no living descendants of these first Floridians. Why? European diseases, warfare, and enslavement completely destroyed these aboriginal people during the 200 years following the founding of St. Augustine in 1565. By 1720 the northern Florida Indian was non-existent and by 1763 the south Florida Indian had also. Indians who survived were taken by the Spaniards on ships to Cuba for slavery.

Dickinson Meets the Jaegas

Numerous visits by Spanish explorers occurred even before 1492. Indians were speaking the Spanish language centuries before the shipwreck of the 'Reformation' with the Jonathan Dickinson group aboard in 1696. Without Jonathan Dickinson's journal of the shipwreck, we would not have any historical facts of their encounters with 'our' Jaega Indians.

The shipwreck occurred on Jupiter Island, north of the Jupiter Inlet and parallel to the entrance of Jonathan Dickinson State Park on U.S. Highway 1. There on the beach after 8 or 9 hours, they were greeted by violent Jaegas who spoke some Spanish. The Dickinson group was escorted south across the inlet to the Jaega "town". Thus the journey to Philadelphia begins (but that's another story).

Physical Traits

Males were approximately 6 feet tall, of muscular build and primitive facial features, with long, sharp noses. Dark, unwashed hair was worn in the traditional style of the ancestor tribe *Timucuans*. They had hair rolled under all the way around the head divided into two sections, with another bunch of hair securing the top knot into which were anchored two animal bone weapons- a broad arrow and a sharp spearhead. Fingernails were also weapons and tools- very long, tough and sharp. They could skin hides from animals and humans very easily with these 'weapons'. Their toenails were the same.

Clothing consisted of a small piece of plaited woven straw covering the phallus, fastened behind in a 'horse-tail' made from the coal-black fibers of Spanish Moss. It looked and felt very much like horse hair and was easily woven into other items which the female also wore. Deerskin thongs were worn by the 'Casseekey'.

Females were also tall and muscular. Their dark hair was long and unwashed and cut periodically with sharp bone in a similar style to the ancestor tribe of *Timucuans* (Loose and flowing). Their toenails and fingernails, like the male, were also very long, very tough, and very dangerous.

Tribal Activity

Little is available about the government of the Jaega. However, the King 'Casseekey' (and apparently the Queen), were elected as in the ancestor tribe of *Timucuan*. The Council was possibly selected by the King and meetings held either in the King's 'residence' or around the campfire.

Elder members of the tribe were not respected. The *Jaegas* had no compassion when older people reached their declining years and were no longer useful. They were made slaves of younger members.

It was common among aboriginal tribes to sacrifice a child to the king in a special ceremony. A special male member of the tribe was selected for the 'honor' to do the killings. There are no facts that the Jaega conformed to this tradition.

The only factual religious ceremony is related in Jonathan Dickinson's Journal, a ceremony he describes as taking place in the evening, ending at midnight. The ceremony was a loud supplication to the Moon, with Indians looking up making hideous noises and crying like madmen....they barked like dogs and wolves.

Cassena-Not Rum

For such religious ceremonies a drink was made from the shrub 'Cassena'. Leaves were boiled in an earthenware pot and the liquor dipped out by a long neck gourd after it cooled and was carried to the Casseekey...then the Council. The

The Cassena Plant was used to make a religious ceremonial drink.

1957—The Everly Brothers' song "Wake Up Little Susie" is banned in Boston because it is thought to allude to a sexual affair

1957—Leave it to Beaver debuts on CBS

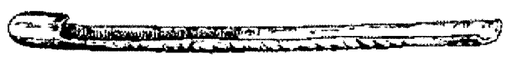
1957's Newest Stars: Paul Newman and Elvis Presley

1957—John Lennon and Paul McCartney meet for the first time at a Church Garden Party

Cassena was prized because it strengthened and nourished the body but did not go to the head. (Note the Jaega, in plundering the Dickinson shipwreck, took everything except rum, port, molasses and beef.)

15th-century engraving of an Indian ceremony involving the black drink Cassena

Jaegas had primitive tools and weapons. The only iron or metal available was from their salvage of shipwrecks. They were hunters and gatherers. Weapons were used mostly for obtaining food. They hunted fowl, game animals and fish using shell, stones, bones, and metal pieces from wrecks; securing them to limbs and branches with reeds and fashioning them into hatchets, spears, and bow and arrows.



The Atlatl or spear-thrower was a tool the Jaega used to achieve greater velocity in spear throwing

A Healthful Diet

The Jaega diet consisted mostly of oysters, clams, turtle and turtle eggs, manatee, whale, deer, bear, raccoons, wild turkeys, koontie roots, pigeon plum rose apples, huckleberries, acorns, sea grapes, coca-plums, wild grapes, prickly pears, plantains, and palmetto berries. Jonathan Dickinson related the palm berries, which were served constantly and considered in great esteem by the Jaega and Ais, to taste like rotten cheese steeped in tobacco.

Jaega jewelry was made from fish and shark teeth, animal teeth and bones, and fish scales. The shipwrecks furnished jewelry in silver and gold. However, it appears the Jaegas did not wear these finds, as did other tribes along the coast.

In the area of the beach and dunes, Jonathan Dickinson described what he saw upon reaching the beach from the wreck: "The wilderness country looked very dismal, having no trees, only sand hills covered with shrubby Palmetto, the stalks of which were prickly and there was no walking amongst them. I espied a place almost a furlong within that beach being a bottom." (This was the location approximately in a line parallel to the entrance of Jonathan Dickinson State Park on the Southern end of Hobe Sound Beach.)

The name Tekesta/Tequesta as translated by the Chief of the Taino Tribe: Te: meaning "to be"; Ké: meaning "Earth or land"; and Sta: meaning "Good". As it stands, Tequesta means "We the People of the Good Earth"

1957—The new "Genie-Lift-A-Dor", a radio controlled garage door opener is developed by the Alliance Manufacturing Company in Alliance, OH

Flora and Fauna

The coastal area closer to Jupiter inlet was more wooded, abounding in sea-grape, sand pine, slash pines, saw palmettos, cabbage palms, etc. Inland in brackish water and dark alleys were mangrove, cypress with long beards of Spanish moss, wild orchids, saw grass, reeds, air plants with red-orange blooms, sea grape, maple trees, and red manatee grass growing in the water. There were also tiger lilies, wild violets, cedar trees, Spanish moss in blues and greens in the spring, palms resembling the Washingtonia, saw palmetto and cabbage palms.

Animals in the area included wild boar (the Jaega did not eat pork of any kind), raccoon, rabbit, squirrel, opossum, skunk, black bear, panther, deer, heavily antlered 'Tricornatus', fox, and armadillo. Rattlesnakes, water moccasins, and cottonmouths predominated.

There were frogs, oysters, clams, shrimp, lobster, mullet, porpoise, manatee, sharks, and also soft-shell sea turtles of many types.

Wild turkeys and varieties of birds existed including hawks, egrets, ibis, great white heron, coots, gallinules, flamingo, cormorants, pink roseate spoonbill, eagles, pelican, gulls and sandpipers.

Historians speak of porpoise in the Loxahatchee but here a dolphin residing in the river was made famous in 1977 when Dottie Campbell wrote resolution #11-76/77 declaring that Tequesta's newest resident would be named Silky and all residents should extend a warm welcome.

I felt extremely privileged when Dottie Campbell asked if I would serve on Tequesta's 50th Tribute committee, since I also served on the 25th anniversary committee.

I love Tequesta and feel so fortunate to be a resident of this beautiful, well run, community.

Alice Klimas...
33 Year Resident
Event Sponsorship
& Golden Walk

1957 In The News—

- *Time Magazine names Nikita Khrushchev as "Man of the Year"*
- *"Dear Abby" celebrates her first anniversary. Writer Pauline Phillips writes under the pen name of Abby Van Buren and is the fastest rising lonely hearts columnist in the U.S.*
- *Abbott and Costello, broke and troubled with tax problems, split up*

Historic Jupiter-Tequesta

From Ponce De Leon to Perry Como

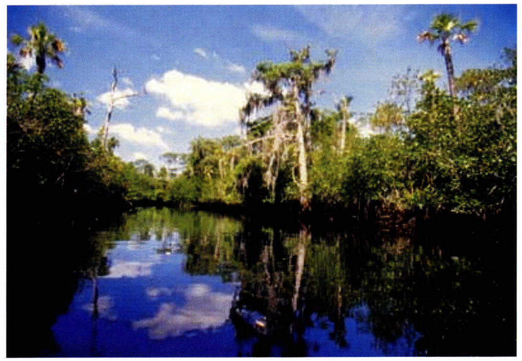
By: Bessie Wilson DuBois

Archeologists tell us that Jupiter on the lower east coast of Florida has been inhabited for nearly 2,500 years. The name Jupiter Inlet has appeared on early Florida maps since 1770. Certainly this place, with its winding rivers and blue-green tides, has a warm lived-in atmosphere and a feeling of antiquity that has an unfailing attraction for new residents and holds the old ones wedded to its charms.

Since the name is odd and intriguing, many people are interested in its origin, which goes back to the first Spanish explorers who visited the coast of Florida. The Herrera account of Ponce De Leon's first voyage in 1513 seems to indicate he came into Jupiter inlet for wood and water, also to investigate the Indians. Menendez visited the inlet in December and January of 1555-1556. Here they found a tribe of Jeaga Indians who called themselves Jobes, living on a high shell mound near the inlet. It was the custom to name the rivers for the nearest Indians, so the river flowing into the Inlet became Jobes River, pronounced by the Spaniards "Hoe-bay". The town 8 miles north of Jupiter is still known as Hobe Sound. When the English arrived in 1763, the Hoe-bay seemed the Spanish version of Jove, which they in turn changed to Jupiter and it has never been altered.

Ponce De Leon

The great shell mound overlooking the inlet was at that time 600 feet long and over 20 feet high. Its layers of oyster shells still show in places the blackened remains of campfires of those prehistoric tribes who lived here as long ago as 500 B.C. As we wonderingly handle the broken pottery, celts, shell ornaments, tools and other relics found in the mounds, it becomes one of the most beguiling mysteries of the Jupiter area. Tribes from near and far must have come to feast on the luscious oysters, fish and game.



1957—The "Little Rock Nine" enroll in Little Rock, Arkansas' Central High School touching off one of the key civil rights struggles of the decade. The nine black students faced violent protests and angry mobs trying to block their entrance. The Segregationist Governor ordered the National Guard to bar the nine from attending class. In response, President Eisenhower dispatches the 101st Airborne Division to Little Rock to ensure the entry of the youngsters.

The first description of the Indians of this section comes to us in an account of the shipwreck of Jonathan Dickinson on Hobe Sound beach, August 23, 1696. On a voyage from Port Royal, Jamaica to Philadelphia, the barkentine Reformation with twenty five persons, including passengers and crew, aboard was driven ashore in a hurricane. As they huddled beneath a shelter made from a sail, they were surrounded by fierce savages, naked except for little aprons of plaited palmetto and armed with Spanish knives. There was a fearful and dramatic moment when with prayerful Quaker resignation they waited fate, and the Indians with knives at their throats suddenly changed their minds and spared their lives. They were stripped of all clothing and the ship looted, after which they were herded down the beach to the inlet. A few at a time, they were ferried across the inlet to the crude shelters of the Indians on the shell mound. They were later allowed to make their way up the beach, naked and starving, and reached St. Augustine after months of incredible hardship. Their story was printed as a Quaker tract, in 15 editions, and is an important contribution to Florida history.

Barquentine Mercator is now a museum ship at anchor in Ostend, Belgium

Our nearby state park is named for Jonathan Dickinson.

The Jupiter landmark is the red brick lighthouse which stands at the junction of the Indian and Loxahatchee Rivers and the Jupiter Inlet channel. The busy traffic of the Inland Waterway passes before it and there is a breathtaking view from the 105 foot tower. The three branches of the Loxahatchee River winding west, the Indian River and the Jupiter Island Resort on the north, the Atlantic Ocean with the blue Gulf Stream glittering within sight of the shore on the east, the inland waterway, Juno and West Palm Beach south, present a panorama encompassing one of the most beautiful parts of Florida.

The Loxahatchee River as photographed by Stuart Marsh

1957—*Annual College Costs:*
Public — $1,500 for tuition & living expenses
Private — $2,000 for tuition & living expenses

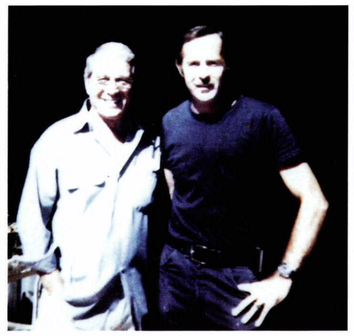
In 1957 Kermit the Frog made his debut on the Tonight Show. And Elvis makes his final appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show

Historic Jupiter Continued...

The lighthouse was built shortly before the Civil War and celebrated the centennial of its first lighting July 10, 1960. It stands on a 61 acre tract which was part of the 9,088 acres of Fort Jupiter Reservation, set aside after the Seminole Indian War. One of the engagements of this war was fought on the Loxahatchee River. January 24, 1838. General Jessup received a disfiguring face wound when he attempted to lead the Tennessee Volunteers across the river.

Sam Colt, the inventor of the repeating rifle, visited the General at Ft. Jupiter and demonstrated his weapon so successfully that fifty dragoons were equipped with them for their next foray into the Everglades.

To most of the pioneers, the 1890's when the Jupiter area was the transportation center of southeast Florida, and Juno was the county seat of Dade County, had all the enchantment of a Rogers and Hammerstein musical. Indian River steamers docked across from the Lighthouse. Another steamer, found too large to navigate the shallows was tied up here and became a floating hotel. Distinguished guests, notably ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland, enjoyed fishing expeditions from this hostelry. The steamers were met by a narrow gauge train known from its stations of Jupiter, Juno, Venus and Mars (the latter mythical) as the Celestial Railroad. The genial engineer greeted his passengers by playing Dixie on the whistle and was always willing to stop the train for hunting if his passengers wanted to go bag a deer or wild turkey. The fare for this seven and one-half mile trip was ten cents a mile. At the head of Lake Worth the passengers again continued their trip south by boat. Pioneers remember with delight the dances at the old Dade County Courthouse with the little train chugging in with flounced ladies, young and old, from the neighboring homesteads and uniformed mustachioed young men from the lighthouse and Jupiter Life Savings Station on the beach.



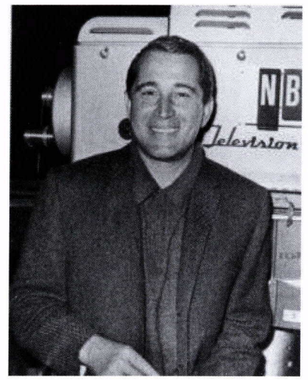
Perry Como (L) with Tequesta Mayor, Jim Humpage

1957's Popular Singers: Perry Como ◦ Bing Crosby ◦ Peggy Lee ◦ Dean Martin ◦ Patty Page ◦ Frank Sinatra ◦ Ella Fitzgerald ◦ Eddie Fisher

All too soon Mr. Flagler's railroad came in. The Celestial Railroad was dismantled and shipped off. The Indian River Steamers were towed up the Loxahatchee to rust away.

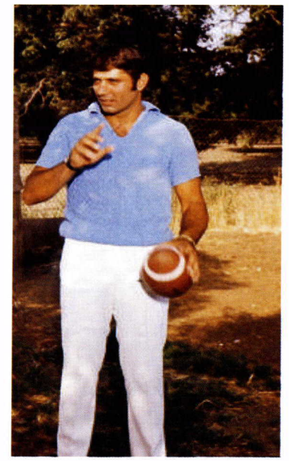
But Jupiter still has the atmosphere, salty as the sea, gay as the water skiers skimming down to the inlet, steadfast as the Lighthouse and as modern as Perry Como teeing off at Tequesta Country Club.

Jupiter [Tequesta] is a unique and delightful place to live!



Perry Como Circa 1950's

1960's Pro-Am at TCC saw then VP Richard Nixon (L-R) play the course with Toney Penna, Barbara McIntire, Dow Finsterwald and Jack Kurtz



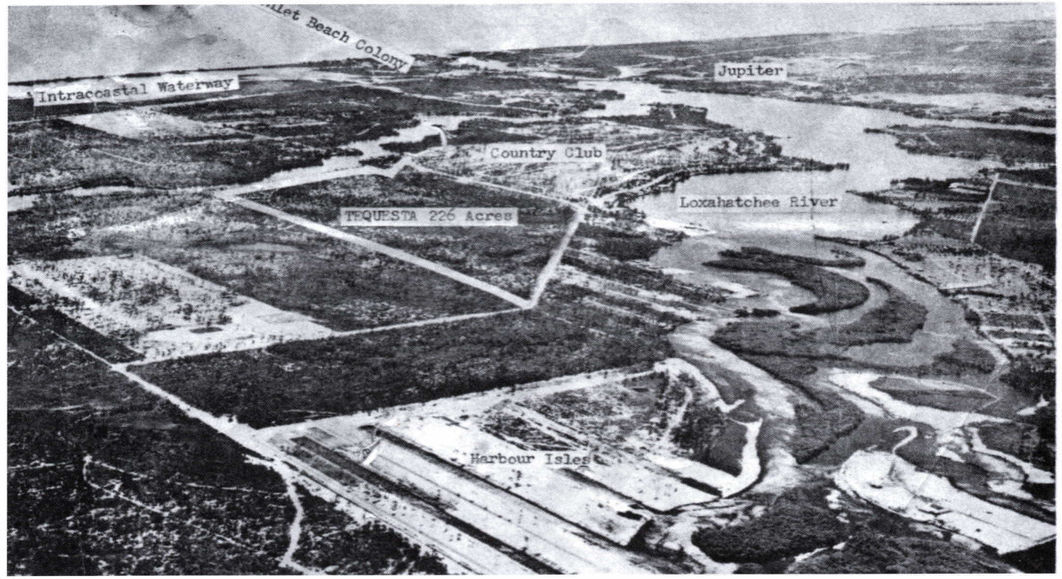
Joe Namath is one of Tequesta's more famous residents

It has been an honor and a privilege to work on the Tequesta Tributes...both the 25th and now the 50th. Tequesta is the perfect place to live...small yet modern. Thank you, Dottie Campbell, and Committee, for asking me to join the Tequesta Tribute Committee again!

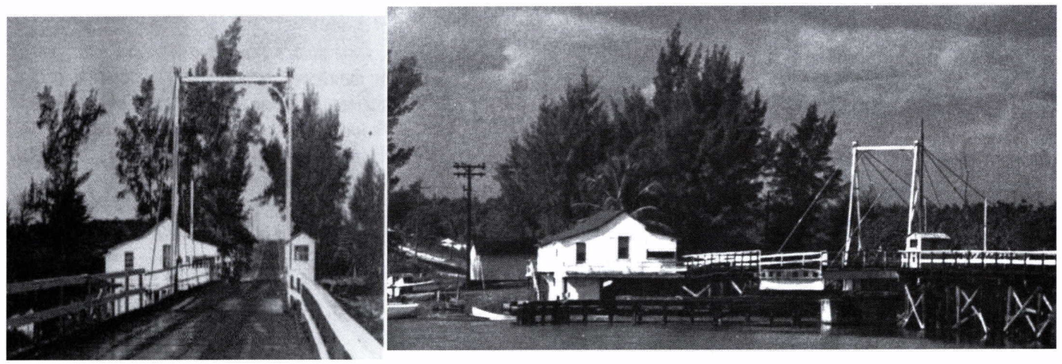
Michele Downs
Tribute Booklet

1957—Zenith introduces the "Space Command TV"—the first TV Remote Control

1957....In The Beginning

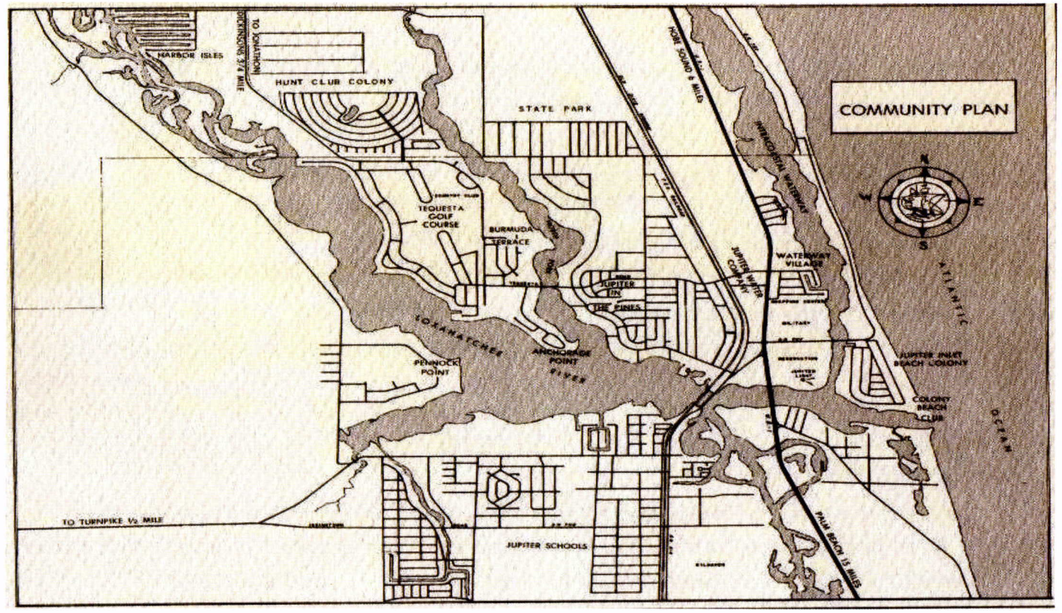


Circa 1950's...Just prior to the development of the Country Club Community



Cato's Bridge is named for one of the first bridge tenders. The wooden structure going to Jupiter Island was built in the 1920's and swung out to open for passing boats. The bridge was demolished in 1968 to make way for the today's existing bridge.

1957 Movies: An Affair to Remember · Old Yeller · Bridge on the River Kwai · Island in the Sun · The James Dean Story · Peyton Place · The Spirit of St Louis · Twelve Angry Men · Witness for the Prosecution



Tequesta street map from a 1960's brochure designed to sell property in the newly formed Village. *—Courtesy of Punch Martyn*

Thanks to a Very Special Person

Dottie Campbell with her late husband, Hugh, and canine friend, Babe.

During a lifetime you occasionally have the opportunity to know or work with a person who makes it a habit of being involved; of continually finding ways to improve the community in which they live. Whether it's a stray or abused animal or wronged persons; a community-wide project or a fund raising event; a civic organization's needs or a good cause needing a boost, this person tirelessly volunteers her skills, talent, money and time. If it weren't for Dottie Campbell and her dedicated staff, many things in Tequesta and Jupiter would not be in existence today. Shunning all publicity for her many good deeds and contributions, Dottie is a shining example of unselfish giving…a lesson we can all learn. Tequesta's Golden Tribute would probably not exist had it not been for Dottie. On behalf of the Tribute Committee and everyone whose lives Dottie Campbell has touched, Thank You from the bottom of our collective hearts!

1957—United States Air Force celebrates its 50th Birthday

Tequesta is Chartered

After an early, but abortive, attempt to create an all-encompassing "Village of Jupiter Beach"-shown on the rough sketch on the previous page– Charles Martyn and friends moved to incorporate the confines of the present day Tequesta Country Club community. (Jupiter Beach would have included all land north of Jupiter proper to the Martin County line, and from the middle of the Loxahatchee River to the Atlantic Ocean.)

Charles Martyn (L) & Realtor Tom Daly

Hence, under "Chapter 57-1915, House Bill No. 1492," the Village of Tequesta was created. It was merely a piece of legislation enacted by the State of Florida, which "became as law without the governor's approval," an inauspicious but legally acceptable beginning.

The Rules Are Set

Some of the Charter's major contents cover the Village's "metes and bounds," including "to a point in the center line of the Loxahatchee (Jupiter) River; thence meandering westerly and north-westerly along the center line of said river....all described land being located in Palm Beach County, Florida"

Then our government is prescribed: "It will be vested in a governing body to be known as 'Village Council of Tequesta', composed of five members to be called Councilmen..." The eligibility: more than 21 years old, a registered voter of the municipality, citizen of the United States, and an owner of real property in the village.

It said, "The first Council shall be appointed until successors are elected and qualified. Within 90 days of enactment, the Council is to appoint one member to be mayor, and appoint a Village Treasurer, a Tax Assessor, a Tax Collector and a Village Clerk, all subject to control of Council." These rules still stand.

Elections Detailed

The Charter also stipulates: "On the third Tuesday of March, 1960, an election by qualified electors shall be held to elect members of Council and Councilmen in groups 1, 3 and 5 shall be elected in the even years and in Groups 2 and 4 in the odd years. All elected and appointed officials are to take an oath. Vacancy in any elective office may be remedied by an appointment. Council members may be removed for misfeasance, nonfeasance or malfeasance or any conduct of an immoral or criminal nature committed while holding office. Council also has the power to employ and retain an engineer and an attorney and any other additional personnel deemed necessary."

Article V(36) also reads: "To regulate the use of recreational facilities owned by the Village, to charge a reasonable fee for the use thereof, or to restrict the use thereof to property owners in, or residents of said village."

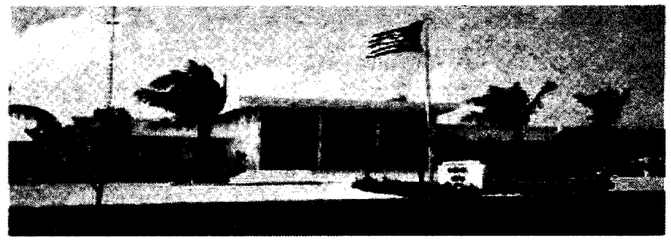
Then There Are Taxes

A Village court is described and a Judge's duties defined. Taxation is described as including: "for the planting and care of shade or ornamental trees or plants." Taxes are: ".....to be due in November with a 4% discount for prompt payment and a decreasing scale of discounts each month until all remaining unpaid taxes on April 1 will be assessed a 5% penalty.....and by May 10 the Village may sell delinquent property." But today you don't have to feel bad. One area resident prior to incorporation recalls a 900% increase in taxes after incorporation. Taxes in the $12 to $14 range were escalated to more than $100 when Tequesta was born. (Yes it was worth it.)

We Get Organized

A July 10, 1957 meeting, well within the prescribed 90 days after the June 4 incorporation date, began Tequesta's government. It was held at 8 p.m., on a Wednesday, in the office of Thomas H. Daly, Inc., in Village Square, Jupiter, Florida.

The minutes indicated those present were: Ledyard D. Gardner, Gene Moore, Albert D. Alderman, Thomas H. Daly, C.W. Pietz, Walter F. Lathrop and John P. Kurtz, Jr. Yet A.A. Flanagan, Jeanne Thomas, plus an unclear penman also signed and witnessed an oath July 10, 1957.



Tequesta's old Village Hall was built in the 1960's after the Village was incorporated

Add Five Councilmen

First order of business was the swearing in and signing of oaths of the five councilmen: Alderman, Daly, Pietz, Lathrop and Kurtz, for a one year period or until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. A resolution of officials' appointment followed, making Kurtz the mayor; Pietz the vice-mayor; Alderman tax assessor; Daly tax collector; and Lathrop Village clerk. Then the official office of the Village was designated to be the Jupiter Inlet Beach Colony, Inc., office at Village Square, also in Jupiter and all agreed to meet there the second Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.

1957... Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis comedy team breaks up

Elvis Presley reports for an army pre-induction exam

Realizing certain incorporation expenses had been incurred, and operational funds would be needed during the first year, the Council was authorized to borrow money from an "authorized lender, or lenders, corporate or otherwise, in an amount not exceeding" the anticipated expenditures they had previously outlined. Expectations included: municipal dock-$1,000; police department-$1,500; fire department-$300; legal fees-$1,800; totaling $8,100.00. The Bank of Palm Beach & Trust Company of Palm Beach, Florida was designated as the official depository for the Village, with the Treasurer the sole person authorized to draw checks.

Strict Code Adopted

Next to the firm of Winters, Cook Brackett and Lord was to become the Village Attorney, at a basic fee of $50 per month, with possible additional fees.

"Councilmen heard the first reading of Ordinance #1 and adopted in unanimously." The same was true of Ordinance #2. A.A. Flanagan was appointed Village Judge, sworn in and signed his oath. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m., the minutes thereof being attested by Village Clerk, Walter F. Lathrop.

You might be interested to know that there were 12 Sections in that very first ordinance, established by the Village Council. They dealt with disturbance of the peace, disturbance of religious worship, intoxication, vagrancy, prostitution and gambling. Fines were stiff, as were sentences...up to $500 and up to 90 days. That the village founders wanted a good, clean, quiet and safe village is well attested by Section 7:

"That all rogues and vagabonds, idle and dissolute persons, tramps who go about begging, persons who use juggling or unlawful games or plays, common drunkards, common night-walkers, pilferers, stubborn children, common pipers or fiddlers, lewd, wanton and lascivious persons in speech or behavior, common railers and brawlers, persons who neglect their calling or employment, or have no visible means of support, or who misspend what they earn, and do not provide for themselves or their families, and all other idle and disorderly persons, including those who habitually misspend their time by frequenting a house of ill fame, gambling house or tippling shop shall be considered vagrants and deemed guilty of violating this ordinance." Get the message?

Tequesta Park is undergoing re-planting of the trees lost by the 2004-05 hurricanes.

1957 Disasters:

Hurricane Audrey hits the Texas/Louisiana border on June 27. Winds as high as 96 mph cause 12 foot storm surges extending from Galveston, TX to Cocoderie, LA. Over 500 are dead scattered across a wide area.

Our family moved to Jupiter twenty eight years ago when I took a position with Pratt & Whitney. Through the years I coached our daughters in several sports for the JTAA and was Softball Director for 4 years

I was a member of the Steering Committee for Area 10 Special Olympics for 18 years, A member of the Jupiter High School Athletic Booster Club for 5 years, and President for 3 years, A member of Project Graduation Committee for 7 years.

Four Grandchildren (2, 6 year old granddaughters & two grandsons, four years old and 15 months).

For the past twenty years I have had the privilege of being the Parade Director for the Annual JTAA Holiday Parade; I was honored when Tequesta's Golden Tribute Committee asked me to become a part of the Celebration. ***—Michael Cesarano, Parade Coordinator***

Welcoming the new Doctor to Town.....

Dr. Grogan is seen here shaking hands with Dr. Stephens upon his arrival to practice in the Village of Tequesta

Circa 1960's

1957 Medical News...

- *Orinase, the first oral medication for diabetes is introduced by Upjohn*
- *Surgeons enter the coronary arteries for the first time and remove fatty clots that lead to heart attacks.*

Where Blockbuster Video now stands was the first grocery store in Tequesta—Piggy Wiggly

Ray and Rosemary Perrone, Mayor Carlton Stoddard, Vito (Vic) Perrone, Ed Nelson and Barry Godown (L-R) cut the ribbon to celebrate the newly expanded Vic's Hardware store in Tequesta Plaza

Tequesta Plaza—Home of the first Tequesta Publix

Tequesta's newest Publix in County Line Mall

1957—Dick Clark takes his Philadelphia-born "American Bandstand" national on ABC Television

The Many Faces of Tequesta

By Michele Downs

In the relatively short span of 50 years, the Village of Tequesta has developed from a crude, at best, settlement of strong-willed and strong-bodied "pioneers" to a thriving, modern Village.

Today, Tequesta boasts a population of over 5,800—still small in comparison to our sister city of Jupiter with over 50,000 residents. The median age as of 2005 was 47.8 years, considerably less then when we were incorporated, as Tequesta was a "retirement" community when it was first developed. By 1967 the Tequesta Country Club was already expanding its facilities to serve the community better. Things started developing slowly at first then picking up through the years.

The 1960's saw the rapid development of the Country Club Community and surrounding "pockets" of county land. Pratt & Whitney was in its prime and numerous families moved to the area when they were relocated here from the Connecticut plant. Tequesta had a bowling alley, two movie theaters and a growing number of families.

In the 1970's more merchants opened for business. Tequesta had a movie theater and a K-Mart in the Lighthouse Plaza across the street from Tequesta Plaza. The Village had two grocery stores, and, between Vic's Hardware Store and Goodner's Variety Store in Tequesta Plaza there was no need to shop elsewhere...you could find anything you needed right in town!

County Line Road was flanked by sugar sand on the south side and Kiwanis Park (now Tequesta Park) on the north. We had County Line Pizza on the corner of US 1, and the Wayside Inn (the ORIGINAL McCarthy's) just south of County Line. The railroad tracks on County Line Road still hadn't earned gates and 7-11 was a dirt lot. And this was in the 1970's!

Naturally, a good thing is hard to keep secret and by the 1980's Tequesta was rapidly evolving and growing. Our first "sky scraper" was built on US 1—the all dark glass structure, which is still our only "sky scraper". County Line Plaza was built and K-Mart and Winn Dixie closed their doors in Lighthouse Plaza and moved up to County Line Plaza. Lighthouse Liquors and Lounge, the movie theater and the newly relocated Wayside Inn were two of the few stores in Lighthouse Plaza to remain. It wasn't long after that, the Plaza was sold to developers. Today part of it is Tequesta Fashion Mall, the new McCarthy's Restaurant and townhomes.

(Continued)

McCarthy's Restaurant today

Many Faces... (continued)

One of Tequesta's Welcome Signs

The 1990's brought rapid change to our sleepy little village. Multi-family developments were sprouting up making the Village more affordable to a younger generation. Tequesta Plaza was phasing out as Publix had moved to the east side of US 1 and Tequesta Drive. Smaller stores, which relied on Publix traffic either relocated or closed doors. Tequesta Plaza was passé—too old for modern-day Tequesta. In came the wrecking ball. In its place, a parking lot for One Main Street—a newly developed shop and office complex.

One Main Street

As the 1990's waned and the new millennium was knocking at our door, Tequesta was ready. The Fire-Rescue Building was in progress; Constitution Park was rapidly becoming a jewel for the Village and plans were in the works for a new Village Complex. The Tequesta Utilities Water Treatment Plant was in progress and The Village was growing and economically sound.

Village of Tequesta Water Treatment Plant

Next up for completion was the Fire-Rescue Station. The staff and EMS were excited to be housed in a state-of-the-art facility after being in the old fire station for 30+ years. Tequesta's always been proud of its Fire-Rescue Department's response time and the newly acquired equipment has only made it better.

Fire-Rescue Operations boast five State-of-the-art fire rescue trucks

1957 Movie Star Births: Levar Burton · Steve Buscemi · Geena Davis · Stephen Fry · Melanie Griffith · Spike Lee · Daniel-Day Lewis · Kelly McGillis · Michelle Pfeiffer · Theresa Russell · Julian Sands · Robert Townsend · Mario Van Peebles · Rachel Ward

The new Municipal complex on Tequesta Drive opened its doors in December of 2006 rounding out our updated infrastructure. Replanting of hurricane damaged trees at Tequesta Park and beautification of our roadways continues. We even have gold fire hydrants!! Tequesta is certainly rich in many ways.

Josh Dupuis and Vince Arena paint the first Golden Hydrant for the 50th Anniversary of the Village

Tequesta's Fire-Rescue Department is top notch!

The Village's water fountain at the Tequesta Village Hall is up and running for your enjoyment. You are all welcome to come by and see.

I am privileged and honored to be part in the planning and the making of history in celebrating the Village's 50th Anniversary. What a great place to live, work and play!

Greg Corbitt, CPRP—Golden Festival Chair & Director of Parks & Recreation

The old North County Fire-Rescue building is an arts & crafts workshop today.

1957's Most Popular TV Shows—The Jack Benny Show · The Perry Como Show · Disneyland · Gunsmoke · Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts · I Love Lucy · I've Got a Secret · The Ed Sullivan Show · The Lawrence Welk Show

Constitution Park and the Village of Tequesta

From Foresight to Hindsight

By Michele Downs

Normally, hindsight is always better than foresight, however, in the creation of Constitution Park, a few gifted people in the area had foresight that out thought the Village of Tequesta.

In the 1960's when Tequesta was in its infancy, there was not a lot of attention paid to children of any age. There were no schools, parks or recreational activities of any kind. To remedy the situation, Suzy Carr and the board of newly formed organization, the Jupiter-Tequesta Junior Citizens (JTJC), took the matter in hand and ran with it...much to the dismay of the Village Council at the time. Being an organization dedicated to the younger generation with children of their own, Suzy and a handful of board members were blessed with a donation of almost three acres of land on Seabrook Road by the Schlussmeyer family of Tequesta for a building and park for the communities' children.

The Village wanted no part of it.

For nine years, Suzy and fellow board members, Fran Sagrans, Bob Meyer and others petitioned the Village Council to develop the land into a park for the children of Jupiter and Tequesta. Literally going door to door, what they found was the majority of residents wanted the park—a real working park, not a "passive" park with no amenities and no activities, which was the Council's recommendation.

In the meantime, the JTJC Building was erected with donations by local builders and volunteers. JTJC members worked hard, renting out the building to raise money for its upkeep and utilities. There were battles of the bands, duplicate bridge, YMCA Summer Camps, dances, weddings...anything to keep the building afloat until the Village realized its value...almost 30 years later!

Tequesta Parks & Recreation Department and Constitution Park's entrance sign on Seabrook Road today

★ *Sunshine State Parkway, (Florida's Turnpike), opened for business in January '57* ★

Suzy Carr designed a park for the property behind the JTJC building that would accommodate everyone, including wheelchair-bound park goers. The design, was presented nine times to the Village Council and finally, with a packed house of residents on hand supporting the new park, at the ninth meeting the park plan was accepted.

The Heart Trail is made of recycled tires

The ground breaking ceremony was held. If it weren't for the Schlussmeyers, Suzy Carr, Bob Meyer, Fran Sagrans, Carlos Berrocal, who donated his legal services over the years, and a few other JTJC Members, Constitution Park would be nothing but a "green belt". The dedication ceremony, forgot to recognize the JTJC members who worked so hard on the project but remaining members are confident that the Village will one day realize their oversight and erect a commemorative plaque at the park's entrance in honor of the donation of property, money and many, many hours of frustration and court appearances to bring Constitution Park to fruition.

Constitution Park is a jewel right in the middle of the Village. It is used and loved by people of all ages from the very young to the very old. The Village utilizes the Gazebo for monthly Concerts in the park, which have been a huge success.

Family movie nights, Festivals, and a Day Camp are just a few of the Village Parks & Recreation Department's events at the Park. Individuals can utilize the heart trail, made with recycled tire material so it's accessible to handicap people and strollers. The basketball courts are a big hit with the younger set as are the ramps for skateboard enthusiasts. The shaded playground area is perfect for toddlers, and, for those who just enjoy nature, there are plenty of benches to sit and relax.

Yes, Tequesta owes a BIG THANK YOU, (and a plaque), to the JTJC Board Members for their foresight!

The Village of Tequesta recognizes the Jupiter Tequesta Junior Citizens for the donation & creation of Constitution Park:
Susanna T. Carr, President
Robert Meyer, Founding Member
Adele Schlussmeyer
Nancy Rodth
George Zigliani
Elizabeth Anderson
William Wescott
Frances Sagrans

Tequesta Parks & Recreation Building...once the JTJC Building on Seabrook Road is adjacent to Constitution Park

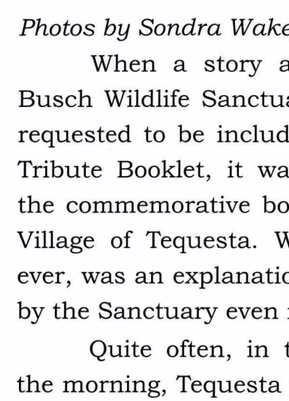
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary...a Helpful Neighbor

Photos by Sondra Wakefield

When a story and photos on the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter were requested to be included in the Tequesta Tribute Booklet, it was a surprise since the commemorative booklet's focus is the Village of Tequesta. What ensued, however, was an explanation of the work done by the Sanctuary even in Tequesta.

Quite often, in the "wee" hours of the morning, Tequesta proper is visited by wildlife in the form of deer, raccoons, possums, occasional bobcats and other wildlife that have lost their way. David Hitzig, Executive Director of Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, calls in his "troops" to rescue the animals and care for them if needed and release them back in the wild.

Busch Wildlife Sanctuary is a non-profit organization founded in 1994 with a grant, in part, by the Peter W. Busch Family Foundation. It is located at 2500 Jupiter Park Drive, Jupiter. The Sanctuary encompasses 25 acres in Jupiter with a variety of educational, medical, and just plain fun things to do. More than 100,000 people enjoy the educational programs each year. Over 4,000 animals are treated and released each year. Junior Naturalist Wildlife Programs and even birthday party programs are some of the things available to experience at Busch's. Daily, in the Sanctuary's Amphitheater, a wildlife show is presented to anyone who wants to attend. Weekdays the show is at 3 pm while on weekends, two shows are available, 11 am & 2:30 pm. The Sanctuary is open from Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and anyone can walk right in and experience the excitement of seeing eagles, panthers, foxes, otters and others being healed and released in the wild.



David Hitzig, Exec. Director of Busch Wildlife, releases an Eagle back to the wild.

The Hospital/Administration Center houses injured animals in for rehabilitation as well as artifacts of animals and a gift shop, whose proceeds go to help preserve the Sanctuary. Admission to the Sanctuary is free but donations are gladly accepted.

I grew up here, Tequesta is home, and I am happy to be part of the Golden Tribute—it should be a celebration for everyone to enjoy...together, we have all helped to make such a Great Village!

Geoff Goldsbury, Tequesta Tribute
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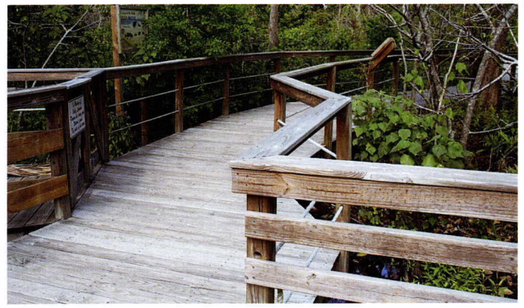
Wildlife Continued...



A meandering boardwalk built around the Sanctuary is available to anyone wishing to take a nature hike through the woods and see different species of animals living in their natural habitat. Picnic tables are available for family or school outings as well. Organized tours are available for a nominal fee.

For information about Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, call 561-575-3399. That number is good 24/7 for rescue purposes too. Or, visit them on the web at http://www.loxahatcheeriver.org/

Entrance to Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

1957—New Words or Phrases:
Meter Maid
Scuba, Rockabilly, Telepromted,
Subliminal Projection

I have either worked, lived or both, in Tequesta since 1971. It was a beautiful little Village then and continues to be. We are not so little any more, but the growth and improvements have made the Village even more ideal. My favorite place is Constitution Park and Greg Corbitt has done a phenomenal job making it a dream for young and old alike. The movies for the children and the concerts for the adults, along with the park, Gazebo, skate board area, basketball courts and the heart/exercise trail along with friendly and accommodating staff make it a place to be envied by most communities. I feel very blessed to live in such a wonderful Village.

Bethany Humpage
Golden Tribute
Employee Appreciation

"I am the luckiest woman on the planet; I live in Tequesta."

Dottie Campbell
Tequesta Tribute's
"House Mother"

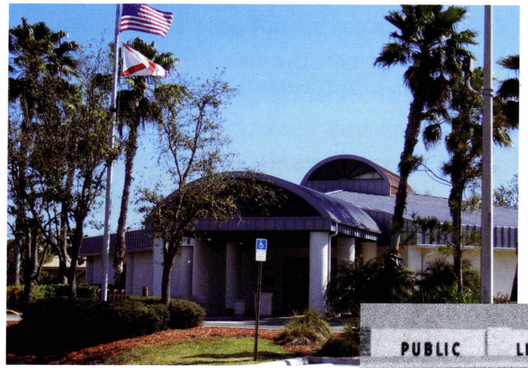
Editor's Note...*Thank You!!*

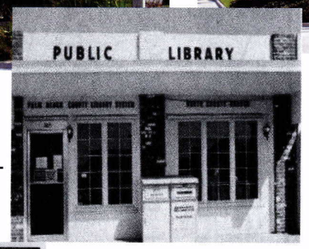
Another eight months of research and development would've certainly made this commemorative booklet better (and bigger). But with the help I received from my daughter, Kristine, (who was in a backpack last time I worked on the Tribute booklet), who typed all the stories reprinted from the 25th Tribute Booklet; from my husband, Kevin, for driving me around to take pictures and taking some himself; from Sandy Wakefield for her expert layout advice and wildlife pictures; the invaluable help of Geoff Goldsbury & the last minute contributions from Leslie Cook...we got 'er done! Thank you all! —*Michele A. Downs*

Charlie Martyn surveys the planned site for the Village Water Department's Well Number 5. Circa 1960's.

—Photo Courtesy of Punch Martin

Beautification and a walking trail now runs parallel to Old Dixie Highway and the RR tracks.

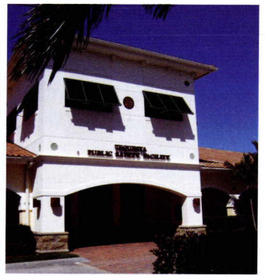




Tequesta's first Public Library (R) was in Gallery Square North. The new library, above, is quite an improvement. The beautiful and modern facility is located on Old Dixie Hwy. just north of Tequesta Dr.

Tequesta's original Post Office was a tiny storefront on Bridge Road. It then relocated to Old Dixie Hwy. north of the current facility. Today's PO, above, is located adjacent to the Library on Old Dixie.

The entire Tequesta Police force (L) in 1964. Today's force is considerably larger with state-of-the-art cruisers and equipment. Some of the cruisers today are seen here. (R)



Tequesta's Municipal Complex

TEQUESTA NEWS-REVIEW

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CBS-TV TAKES TEQUESTA TO THE NATION

The gallery watches as Snead and Milland look over a putt during the CBS-TV filmed match at Tequesta Country Club in January.

By JACK CUSHING

Finsterwald and Robbin Roberts win thriller over Snead and Ray Milland.

Many who watched the CBS Sports Spectacular on Sunday, March 13 (March 6th for many areas) might well holler, "fixed", "payola" and the like. Believe us, it wasn't. We saw it filmed in our lush Tequesta 18-hole championship course in January.

CBS brought in a crew of 40 and sound film equipment galore. The match was an alternate shot two-ball affair with the golf pros driving on each tee. The weather was perfect.

Tequesta Name Changed

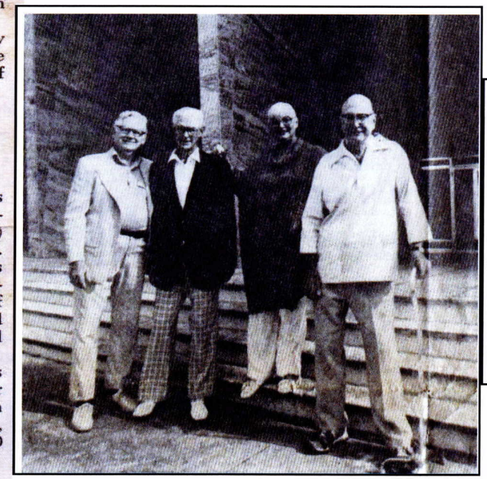
Because of the confusion in the names of the original Tequesta and the Village of Tequesta, our community will, in the future, be referred to in advertising as the Tequesta Country Club Community located in the Village of Tequesta.

Tequesta Country Club Community streets are 100% completed by the blacktopping of Fairview West, Golf Circle and Tequesta Circle.

Village Holds Its First Election

The Village of Tequesta held its first election on March 15th. The voting was rather light (6 to be exact) inasmuch as there was no contest. Messrs. John Kurtz, Cecil Cornelius and Robert Valier were elected councilmen. The other two members of the Council, Walter Lathrop and Thomas Daly, remain in office until their terms expire next March.

Residents become eligible as voters after they have lived in the village for a period of six months. Registration is open at the office in Village Square, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



Not the first elected officials...but (L-R) Carlton Stoddard, Howard Brown, Dottie Campbell and William Russell are seen here on the old Village Hall steps.

—Circa 1976

1957's Newest Products: · Ralston Purina Introduces Purina Dog Chow · The Frisbee & Hula Hoop are introduced by Wham-O · Hamilton Watch Company introduces the first electric battery-operated wristwatch named "The Pacer" · Brooklyn Businessman, Benjamin Eisendstadt, & his chemist son, Marty, develop "Sweet 'N' Low"

Tequesta's Golden Tribute Schedule of Events

Friday, June 1st	6:30 pm	**Employee Appreciation Celebration** at Tequesta Country Club
Saturday, June 2nd	10:00 am	**Tequesta's Golden Parade** Village Blvd. South to Tequesta Municipal Complex, Tequesta Drive
Saturday, June 2nd	11 am—3 pm	**Tequesta's Golden Festival** Tequesta Village Green
Sunday, June 3rd	11:00 am	**Lucky Duck Race** Loxahatchee River at Tequesta Drive
Sunday, June 3rd	Half-hour after Lucky Duck Race	**Blessing of the Pets on The Village Green**
Sunday, June 3rd	1:00 pm	**Village Wide-Open House**
Sunday, June 3rd	7:00 pm	**Movie in the Park—"Happy Feet"** Constitution Park
Monday, June 4th	10:00 am	**Golden Tribute Golf Tournament** Tequesta Country Club
Monday, June 4th	After Tournament	**Golden Ball Drop** Golden Ball Dropped from a helicopter on Tequesta Country Club Golf Course
Monday, June 4th	5:30 pm	**Golden Reception for Dignitaries** Village Hall

1957 Sports: The Braves win World Series over the Yankees, 4-3 · Highest paid ball player is Ted Williams with the Boston Red Sox who signs a $100,000 contract · Detroit Lions beat the Cleveland Browns 59-14 for the NFL Championship · "Iron Liege" wins the Kentucky Derby with jockey, Bill Hartack · 14-Year old Bobby Fischer is the Champion of the US Chess Federation · Doug Ford wins the Masters

Village Mayors

	From:	To:
1. John P. Kurtz, Jr	7-10-57	4-12-60
2. Walter F. Lathrop	4-12-60	4-3-61
3. Cecil "Zeke" Cornelius	4-3-61	4-1-63
4. Robert C. Valier	4-1-63	4-12-66
5. George E. Bowden	4-12-66	3-28-68
6. Robert E. Sylvester	3-28-68	3-28-72
7. William J. Russell	3-28-72	3-26-74
8. Thomas J. Little	3-26-74	3-26-76
9. Dorothy Campbell	3-26-76	3-22-77
10. Howard F. Brown	3-22-77	3-18-80
11. W.H. Mapes, Jr.	3-18-80	3-22-83
12. Carlton Stoddard	3-22-83	3-10-88
13. Ron Mackail	3-10-88	3-23-89
14. Joseph Capretta	3-23-89	3-19-92
15. Earl L. Collins	3-19-92	3-11-93
16. Ron Mackail	3-11-93	3-20-97
17. Elizabeth Schaur	3-20-97	4-08-99
18. Ron Mackail	4-08-99	11-6-99
19. Carl Hansen	11-6-99	4-13-00
20. Joseph Capretta	4-13-00	4-13-02
21. Geraldine Genco	4-13-02	4-13-03
22. Edward Resnik	4-13-03	4-13-04
23. Patricia Watkins	4-13-04	3-11-05
24. Jim Humpage	3-11-05	Present

Tequesta Golden Tribute Committee

Dottie Campbell...House Mother
Geoff Goldsbury...Coordinator & PR
Cyrese Colbert...Entertainment
Michael Cesarano...Golden Parade
Vince Arena...Golden Fire Hydrants
Officer David Cooper...
Fire Hydrant Volunteers
Leslie Cook...Village Hall Reception
Greg Corbitt...Golden Festival
Michele Downs...Tribute Brochure
Cherie Faucher...Merchant Promotions
Alice Klimas...Event Sponsorships & Golden Walk
Jim Humpage...Golf Tournament
Sheila Goldsbury...Lucky Duck Race
Katherine Hatos...Co-chair Employee Appreciation Celebration
Bethany Humpage...
Employee Appreciation Celebration
Pauline Hutchinson...
Contest & Merchant Sales
Lori McWilliams...Village Liaison
Captain Dan Tilles..Fire Rescue Liaison
Lee Resnik...Assistant to Committee

We moved to Tequesta in 1972 with two small boys to a place that was filled with part time residents...one that emptied out in the summer. We knew everyone who had children...they were few and far between. A big part of the social life centered around the swim and tennis River Edge Club that was located on County Line road next to the cemetery. In 1978 I was asked by Joe Yoder, a Tequesta council member, to run for the Village Council to represent the "younger" families in the Village. I collected my 50 signatures and that was it. I spent four years on the council that at the time was making serious decisions about the Tequesta water company. I continued my involvement in Tequesta government by sitting on and chairing for many years the Community Appearance Board. Our goal was to keep the small town atmosphere, to encourage a standard South Florida look for new commercial buildings and adopt a landscape code that would enhance and improve the commercial areas and common areas of our village. I remain active to this day on the Planning and Zoning Board and have great interest in keeping our Village the special place it is. As we celebrate 50 years, I'm proud to say I was a part of its history.

—Leslie Cook, Committee Member
Village Hall Reception

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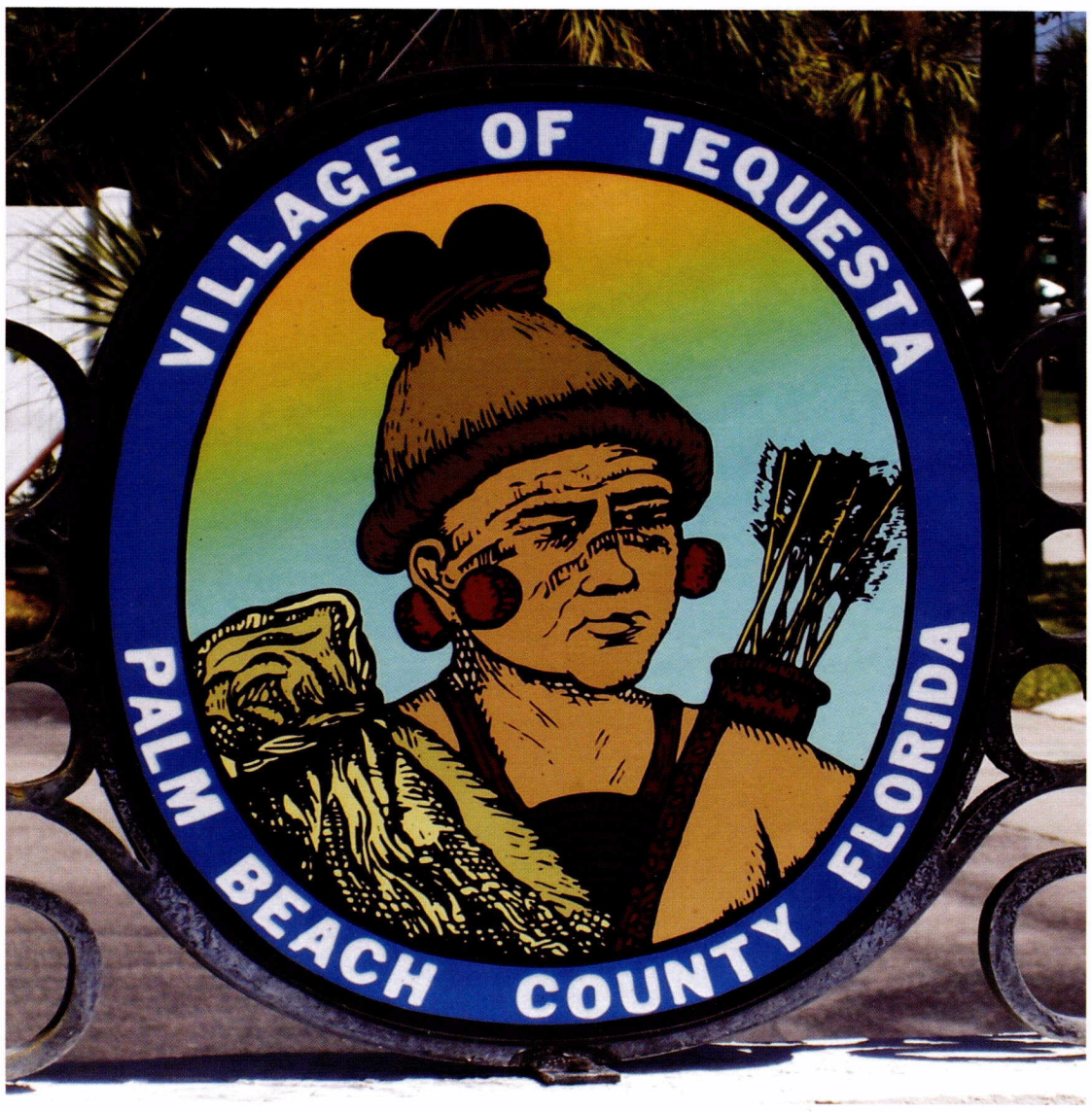
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