



Spring 2012

SMOKE SIGNALS

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of
Abby Brennan
Councilwoman



It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since I had the honor of being sworn in as your representative on Council. It has been a privilege to work with four gentlemen whose collective experience and dedication to our community is always apparent. They have demonstrated their commitment by being thoroughly prepared for the subjects under consideration, debating important issues with civility and respect and making informed decisions in the overall best interest of the community.

Both Councilmen Jim Humpage and Calvin Turnquest have decided to retire at the end of their terms in March. Their knowledge and understanding of what it takes to be good stewards of the community have served to inspire and mentor me during my freshman term. While they will no longer be on the dais, their continued involvement and support of the Village will be ever-present.

I want to share with you some of what I've come to learn and value during the past year. The Village continues its mission to provide excellent community services with strict adherence to maintaining strong financial health. It has done so year after year despite significant economic challenges including an over 30% decrease in property tax assessments. Every opportunity to maximize revenues and contain expenses is explored and used. Our financial strength is due in large part to a unique synergy among Village residents, elected officials, Village manager and an exceptional financial and administrative staff.

Although the Village is small in size, it benefits from its own water plant that assures our residents will receive one of the most endangered natural resource in the State of Florida. Community development and code compliance departments maintain conformity in how properties in the Village are built and maintained. Parks and recreation staff host year-round events that appeal to all ages and are free to Village residents.

Dedicated residents serve on boards and committees and volunteer for numerous community service projects and events. Programs such as Citizens on Patrol (COP) and volunteer firefighters augment the fine services provided by our public safety professionals. Their dedication provides invaluable services that significantly make a difference and benefit our community. I encourage you to explore what interests you and come join them.

Moving into 2012, Council is embarking on several initiatives that will move Tequesta into the future while preserving its unique charm and historical integrity. With your input, we will develop a plan which will not only appeal to new businesses that provide jobs and enhance our community, but also identify ways to enhance and promote existing organizations.

Another important focus of Council is to develop new sources of revenue. In addition, a long range plan for repair and replacement of sidewalks and roadways, street signs, police and fire equipment and other capital expenditures will be prepared to ensure funds for future expenses are anticipated and set aside.

I encourage you to contact me or any of my fellow Council members with your thoughts, concerns and suggestions. WE WORK FOR YOU and we will do everything possible to serve all who make this Village what it is today - the finest place to reside, retire, raise our children and live in peace, safety and harmony.

Councilwoman Abby Brennan

IT'S ALL ABOUT PREEMPTIVE POLICING

There are 3 conditions required for a crime to occur - (1) a motive, (2) a victim, and (3) the opportunity. While it may not be possible for you or the police to control an individual's motive, Tequesta's Police Department certainly believe that through preemptive policing they can significantly reduce opportunities for crime and teach members of our community how to avoid becoming a victim of crime.

Tequesta's finest regularly attain their goals through their team of highly trained and skilled employees, support from the community and of course, through the increasing use of technology. There are 28 certified officers, 6 police volunteers and a troupe of Citizens Observer Patrol (COP) regularly patrolling our 2 square miles, in addition to the technological assistance from specially mounted cameras.



Dispatch Unit monitoring computers

The PD's philosophy is that no one knows your neighborhood better than you and your neighbors, and it is through your help that they will prevent crime before it happens. In 2011, 16 area residents graduated from the annual Citizen Police Academy trained in the use of radar, police procedures and crime scene investigations. In addition to helping out at local events, these intensely involved citizens are constantly on the lookout for unusual activities and regularly leave notes to fellow residents when they spot an unlocked car or see vehicles in plain view.



Lt. Turner active in the community with grade school kids from Good Shepherd



Tequesta's Eye in the Sky

The Village has cameras on some of their police vehicles in addition to a few strategically-placed ones which take a photo of the rear license plate of all vehicles, and within 3 seconds the computer system in the dispatch unit will indicate whether a particular vehicle is stolen or if the owner is being sought by authorities. The cost of each camera is approximately \$17,000 and additional cameras are being purchased to shore up security within the Village. While the maintenance will run about \$4,400 annually, Lt. Jason Turner believes it's worth the while. He wants the public to know that "If you come in or leave our city, we're going to know about it," with our ultimate goal "to have a camera at every exit and entry point in the village."

The cameras have resulted in about 8 arrests, over the past year, including the Jan. 6 charges against a 49-year-old woman and her 29-year-old son charged with auto burglaries, grand theft and using stolen credit cards.

Ways in which you can help to keep you and your neighbors safe include:

- Locking your vehicles and securing your property when not in use
- Utilizing alarm systems at all times
- Removing your garage door openers or keys to your house from your vehicle
- Closing your garage door and also locking the interior door
- Getting to know your neighbors
- Calling 9-1-1 when you observe criminal activity occurring, or (561) 768-0500 to report suspicious activity when you are unsure if it's an emergency



2011 Citizens Academy Graduating Class along with their trainers

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
WEST PALM BEACH, FL
PERMIT # 2073

Village of Tequesta
Village Manager's Office
345 Tequesta Drive
Tequesta, FL 33469-0273

FREE AARP TAX PREPARATION SITES



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. There are no charges for the service and appointments are not necessary, unless specified. Trained volunteers will be at the following sites during the tax season. You are asked to bring your 2011 W-2s, 1099s and other related documents, along with a copy of your 2010 tax return to the site. Individuals should also have proper ID.

CENTERS	DAYS	TIMES
Jupiter Recreation Center		
210 Military Trail Jupiter, FL 33458 (561) 741-2400		
	Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00am - 1:00pm
Gardens Branch Library		
11303 Campus Drive P. B. Gardens, FL 33410 (561) 626-6133		
	Tue	1:00pm - 5:00pm
	Fri	11:00am - 3:00pm
Hobe Sound Library		
10595 SE Federal Highway Hobe Sound, FL 33455 (772) 546-2257		
	Wed, Thu	10:00am - 2:00pm
	Appointments Preferred	
North County Senior Center		
5217 North Lake Blvd P. B. Gardens, FL 33418 (561) 694-5435		
	Mon, Wed, Fri	12:00 - 4:00pm
North Palm Beach Village Hall		
501 US HWY 1 N N. Palm Beach, FL 33408 (561) 841-3355		
	Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00am - 1:00pm
Lake Park Library		
529 Park Ave Lake Park, FL 33403 (561) 881-3330		
	Sat	9:00am - 1:00pm
Veterans Admin Medical Center		
7305 N Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33410 (561) 422-8262		
	Tue, Wed	9:00am - 1:00pm



Members of Tequesta police department attending Honor Guard Academy

A local Vet chimes in on our Canine Companions

Greetings fellow Tequestrians! Mayor Paterno shared with me recently that the village has been receiving more complaints concerning our canine companions. I'd like to share some health & safety information that may help us all be better neighbors, and allow us to continue to enjoy our pets in our little corner of paradise.



One type of complaint is someone else's dog leaving feces on a resident's lawn. Beyond the fact that this is a bit rude & stinky, it does raise some health concerns. Dogs are carriers of intestinal parasites, the most common being *Ancylostoma* (hookworm), and *Toxocara* (roundworm). *Toxocara* is an ascarid, and the eggs shed in a dog's feces must be ingested to cause illness. We are poor hosts to this parasite, but the larvae (immature form) can migrate through our bodies and cause damage. This usually occurs in children, and can cause damage to any organ, including nerve tissue and the retinas. *Ancylostoma* is a bit sneakier. It can be ingested & migrate like *Toxocara*, but its larva can also penetrate skin. These larvae stay just under the skin & migrate, causing itchy tracts & rashes. Please check out <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/zoonotichookworm/index.html> for more icky facts.

Our Tequesta code addresses all this. Section 10-6 states we are not to allow our pets to leave presents in our neighbors' yards, or if it happens we are to dispose of them in a sanitary manner. This should be by the trash, not the sewer.

Here's some good news: most of the pets in our village are well cared for and we rarely see internal parasites in our practice. Monthly heartworm prevention products have changed the game significantly in the last 20 years. Most of them also control intestinal parasites, so the incidence has dropped steadily. The other good news is that simple preventative measures can keep your family safe. Center for Disease Control recommends good hygiene (hand washing), keeping children away from potentially infected soil, and picking up pet feces quickly to prevent the eggs from disseminating into our environment.

The other type of complaint the village has received concerns dogs running loose. This is also addressed in the county & village codes. Palm Beach County Animal Care & Control ordinance 98-22 states that a dog must be under an owner or handler's control if off the owner's property. This includes (a) caged or crated, (b) under restraint by means of a chain or leash, or (c) near the handler and obedient to the handler's commands. Tequesta's ordinance varies slightly. Off-leash walking is not allowed, and we are allowed to walk a dog only with a collar and leash less than 8 feet in length (see Tequesta code 10-1). I feel our code is safer, and less subject to interpretation. I know my dog will not respond to me if she sees another dog or a squirrel. Some folks may feel their dog is obedient, but it's a rare dog that will focus on you 100% if being attacked by another dog. It is very difficult to separate two fighting dogs unless BOTH dogs are on leashes. I have heard many stories of injury to both pets and owners while trying to break up a fight.

Most of this boils down to common sense and neighborly responsibility. If we all follow the commandment of love your neighbor as yourself, it's very clear how to handle all this. We live in a great little town which is very clean and safe. We have our council, staff, police and fire departments to thank for this. It's also important for each of us to do our part to keep this a great community.

Steve Pullon, DVM



CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration dates for the next session of classes is
 March 5, 2012 for Village residents and
 March 12, 2012 for non residents.
 Please visit Tequesta.org for the class schedule.

TIKI TIME 2012

WHEN: May 19th
WHERE: Constitution Park
TIME: 3:00 - 7:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Headliner Band: Moska Project
- Organic Foods & Beverages
- Pig Roast
- Children's Activities



Sunday, March 4, 2012
 Sunday, April 1, 2012
 Constitution Park, Noon-4:00 PM



Saturday, April 7, 2012
 Constitution Park, 9:00 AM-Noon
 Kids, bring a basket to collect eggs.

SUMMER CAMP

REGISTRATION BEGINS

Monday, April 16, 2012
 Recreation Center, 7:30 am
 Visit Tequesta.org for more detailed
 information about summer camp.



For more information on any of
 our programs or events visit
Tequesta.org or call 561-768-0470.

Good Shepard Annual 5K Run/Walk

For the Record November 2011 – January 2012

Visit the "Document Imaging Center" located via the Website to see the following agenda items in their entirety.



On March 3, 2012 Good Shepherd will be holding its annual 5K Run/Walk which will start and finish in Constitution Park. Events for children include a smaller running race, and for children 8 and under, an obstacle course. All post race activities will take place inside the Park and this year will also feature a green market-place. Approximately 400 persons attended the 2011 event which was a great family oriented experience.

Tequesta among County first to Transition to Next Generation 9-1-1 System



Recognizing the need to upgrade and improve the County's 9-1-1 telephone system, the Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management has undertaken a major initiative to prepare Palm Beach County for future technologies. PBC is the first in the state of Florida to implement this new Next Generation Capable 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) system. The current 30-year-old system has worked well, but the analog system is unable to support future technologies currently being developed. This cutting edge, new system will be able to support new technologies and standards as they evolve.

A few key benefits of the new system include:

- Faster processing of 9-1-1 calls, when seconds really count.
- Identification of the location of emergency calls from a cell phone within a few feet of the caller.
- Once all the standards are fully implemented, the system will be capable of processing all types of emergency calls and transport additional associated data (i.e. texting an emergency call from a cell phone).
- Improvement in the process to deliver an emergency call to the correct emergency response agency, reducing the possibility of an emergency call going to the wrong location, thus requiring another transfer.

8 Public Safety answering points, including Tequesta have currently transitioned to the new NG9-1-1 system. The remaining 12 locations in the county will be transitioned in the coming months, with a target completion date for full implementation of the system by June 2012.

The funding sources for this project are paid 100% through Florida state grants and Florida State 9-1-1 fees, with no ad valorem taxes used to fund this initiative.

PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of Council Historical Name Plaques
- Presentation of Artwork to the Village by Art Illusion Designs - Ferlander Arguedas
- Proclamation of Appreciation Presented to Ferlander Arguedas and Lin Luna of Art Illusion Designs
- Tequesta Fire Rescue Check Presentation to Honor Flight of Proceeds from the Chili Cook-off and Beer Tasting Event of \$8,805.72
- Proclamation of Appreciation to Russell White for 36 Years of Dedicated and Loyal Service
- Proclamation of Appreciation to Ron Smith for 34 Years of Dedicated and Loyal Service



AGREEMENTS ORDINANCES

- American Water Chemicals
- Inc./Town of Jupiter Piggy Back Contract
- ComLog Service Agreement Contract
- FP Mailing Solutions Postage Machine Rental Agreement
- Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Contract
- Molly's Trolly Hourly Rate Agreement
- Pyrotecnico Fireworks Display Contract
- SimplexGrinnell Proposal and Service Agreement
- Tanner Industries, Inc./City of Port Orange Piggy Back Contract
- Vote Processing Equipment Use and Election Services Agreement with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections
- Lease Agreement between the Village of Tequesta and AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc. regarding 465 Seabrook Road Fire Station Building
- Acousti-Blok Quote/Contract for Acoustical Fencing
- Art Illusions and the Village of Tequesta Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Liability Agreement
- Car-Goinn Proposal Contract
- Mike Cesrao and The Village of Tequesta Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Liability Agreement
- Chris Wayne and Associates, Inc.
- Miracle Recreation Equipment Company Quote/Contract
- Palm Beach County and The Village of Tequesta Interlocal Agreement
- SimplexGrinnell Service Solution Annual Agreement
- Arcadis-US, Inc./Florida Design Contractors Water Treatment Plant Change Order to Extend Contract by 90 Days.
- Automated Business Machines Preventative Maintenance Contract Renewal for Document Imprinter.
- Bomgar Corporation Professional Services Agreement and Bomgar End User License Agreement
- Extension of the Gehring Group's contract as the Village's Agent of Record for its Employee Benefits Programs for an additional 3 years to March 11, 2015

ORDINANCES RESOLUTIONS

- Ordinance 18-11 Amending the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 78. Zoning, Article IX. Supplemental regulations. Division 2. Site Plan Review. Amending this Division by Modifying Certain Criteria Relative to Outside Agency Approvals, Fire Flow Requirements, Sidewalk Requirements, Survey Requirements, Traffic Study Requirements, Signage Requirements and Lighting Requirements
- Ordinance 19-11 Amending the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 78. Zoning, Article IX. Supplemental regulations. Division 3. Special Exception Uses. Amending this Division by Revising Certain Criteria to be more Compatible with the Site Plan Review Process, and by Providing Revised Procedures for Small Scale Revisions and an Optional Re-application Process
- Ordinance 21-11 Amending the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 78. Zoning, Article I. In General. Art Section 78-6. Enforcement Officer; Violations; Penalties; By Amending this Section to Revise the Penalty Provisions in Conformance with the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Process; and Article III. Appeals and Variances. At Sections 78-63. Appeal Procedure. And Section 78-64. Stay of Proceedings Pending Decision on Appeal. By Amending these Sections to Revise the Village's Administrative Appeal Process
- Ordinance 24-11 Amending its Comprehensive Plan to Update the Capital Improvements Element Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule as Provided in Section 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Providing that the Text, as Amended or Revised, shall be Substituted for and Replace in Full the Existing Text in the Adopted Capital Improvements Element; and Providing for Transmittal
- Ordinance 25-11 Amending the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 2. Administration. By Repealing in its Entirety Ordinance 14-11 and Repealing all Amendments to Exhibit "B" of Section 2-61 (Originally Intended to be Section 2-30 but Included as Sec 2-61 at the Editor's Discretion) Relating to the Employees Pension Trust Funds as Contained in Ordinance 14-11
- Ordinance 21-11 Amending the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 78. Zoning, Article I. In General. At Section 78-6. Enforcement Officer; Violations; Penalties; By Amending this Section to Revise the Penalty Provisions in Conformance with the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Process; and Article III. Appeals and Variances. At Sections 78-63. Appeal Procedure. And Section 78-64. Stay of Proceedings Pending Decision on Appeal. By Amending these Sections to Revise the Village's Administrative Appeal Process
- Ordinance 24-11 Amending its Comprehensive Plan to Update the Capital Improvements Element Five Year Capital Improvements Schedule as Provided in Section 163.3177(3)(b), Florida Statutes. Providing that the Text, as Amended or Revised, shall be Substituted for and Replace in Full the Existing Text in the Adopted Capital Improvements Element; and Providing for Transmittal of a Courtesy Copy of the Adopted Amendment to the State Land Planning Agency
- Ordinance 25-11 Amending the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 2. Administration. By Repealing in its Entirety Ordinance 14-11 and Repealing all Amendments to Exhibit "B" of Section 2-61 (Originally Intended to be Section 2-30 but Included as Sec 2-61 at the Editor's Discretion) Relating to the Employees Pension Trust Funds as Contained in Ordinance 14-11
- Ordinance 22-11 Adopting an Amendment with the Mandates set forth in Section 163.3184(3), Florida Statutes, Pursuant to a Village Initiated Amendment No. LUPA 1-11, which provides for an Amendment to Certain Portions of the Text Found in the Future Land Use Element, and Updating said Element in Compliance with FEMA Requirements for Lower Flood Elevation
- Ordinance 23-11 Adopting a Small Scale Amendment to its Comprehensive Development Plan in with the Mandates set forth in Section 163.3187, ET. Sec, Florida Statutes, Pursuant to a Village Initiated Amendment No. LUPA 2-11, which provides for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map and the Existing Land Use Map, Re-designating One Point Seven (1.7) Acres, More or Less, of Land Recently Acquired by the Village of Tequesta, Located at 479 Seabrook Road, From "Low Density Residential" to "Recreation and Open Space"
- Ordinance 23-11 Adopting a Small Scale Amendment to its Comprehensive Development Plan in with the Mandates set forth in Section 163.3187, ET. Sec, Florida Statutes, Pursuant to a Village Initiated Amendment No. LUPA 2-11, which provides for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map and the Existing Land Use Map, Re-designating One Point Seven (1.7) Acres, More or Less, of Land Recently Acquired by the Village of Tequesta, Located at 479 Seabrook Road, From "Low Density Residential" to "Recreation and Open Space"

RESOLUTIONS VARIANCES / SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS / SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

- Resolution 27-11. Lifting an 18% Surcharge Currently Imposed on all Water Billing for Village Customers; Providing that said Surcharge shall be Re-Instituted should the South Florida Water Management District Adopt More Restrictive Irrigation Limitations than the Modified Phase II Restrictions Currently in Place Pursuant to Order No. 2011-046-DAOWS
- Resolution 26-11. Calling For The General Municipal Election To Be Held Tuesday, March 13, 2012, and if necessary, the Municipal Run-Off Election to be Held Tuesday, March 27, 2012, for the Purpose of Electing Council Seats 1, 3 And 5 for Two Year Terms; Requesting the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Conduct the Election; Designating Polling Locations; Naming the Canvassing Board; and Establishing Election Procedures
- Resolution 28-11. Rolling Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Funding into Fiscal Year 2011/2012 to Complete Purchases that were Approved and Funded but not Completed in Budget Year Ending 9/30/11
- Resolution 29-11. Approving a Proposal from Maroon Dodge of Pembroke Pines Florida, for the Purchase of a Police Car in the Amount of \$29,657.00 with Funding coming from the 001-175.664.602 Account
- Resolution 24-11. Appropriating Fund Balance and Increasing the Capital Improvement Fund #301 2010-2011 Budget in the Amount of \$740,000.00 to Fund Additional Costs of the Construction of Tequesta Bridge
- Resolution 30-11. Approve the Village of Tequesta Purchasing Policies and Procedures
- Resolution 1-12. Appropriating Fund Balance and Increasing the General Fund #001 2011-2012 Budget \$34,200 to Provide for the Funding of an Expansion of the Current ALP (Automated License Plate Recognition) System
- Resolution 31-11. Supporting Police Officer and Firefighter Pension Plan Reforms; Supporting Legislation that will make such Pension Plans Sustainable, Sound and Secure for both Current and Future Police Officers and Firefighters

VARIANCES / SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS / SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

- SE 05-11. Special Exception. Request for a Special Exception in Accordance with the Village Zoning Code to Allow a Restaurant (including carry out) Use in the MU (Mixed Use) Zoning District as provided in Section 78-180. The Applicant is Cafe' Heidelberg, Petra Willers. The Subject Property is Located at 150 US Highway 1, Tequesta, FL 33469
- VAR 03-11. Variance. Consideration of Request for Variance from the Requirement of Section 78-298 to Allow Cafe' Heidelberg to Sell Intoxicating Liquors, Wines and Beverages for Consumption on the Premises within a 523 +/- Foot Radius of any Church, School or Youth Center, where Section 78-298 Currently Allows for such Sale only at a 1,000 Foot Radius or Greater from any Church, School or Youth Center. The Property is Located in the MU Zoning District at 150 N. US Highway 1, #11-13, Tequesta, FL. Applicant is Petra Willers
- SE 06-11. Special Exception. Request for a Special Exception Use Pursuant to Section 78-180. MU District (i) (14) Special Exception Uses of the Village of Tequesta Code of Ordinances. The Applicant is Requesting Approval for an Existing 4,849 Professional Use Building in the Mixed-Use Zoning District. Applicant is Bruce M. Rothenberg of Prelude Properties Group, LLC, 521 Old Dixie Highway, Tequesta, FL 33469
- SPR 05-11. Site Plan Review, Application of Corner Cafe' of Tequesta, LLC, 289 N. US Highway 1, Village Square Shopping Center, 221 N. US Highway 1, Tequesta, FL 33469 for Site Plan Development Review to Construct a 500 Square Foot Deck Addition to the Existing Shopping Center. The Application includes a Landscaped Perimeter Area
- SPR 06-11. Site Plan Review, Application for site plan development review to construct a 5,999 square feet medical and professional service building. The application includes a proposed landscape plan, and one (1) monument sign. The address of the proposed site plan is 851 N. US Highway 1
- CASE # VAR 1-12. Consideration of request for variance from the requirement of Sec. 78-298 to allow Conch and Crab Restaurant to sell intoxicating liquors, wines and beverages for consumption on the premises within a 680 +/- foot radius of any church, school or youth center, where Sec. 78-298 currently allows for such sale only at a 1,000 foot radius or greater from any church, school or youth center. The property is located in the C-2 Zoning District at 157 North US Hwy. 1, Tequesta, FL.
- SPM 07-11: Application of Conch and Crab Restaurant, 157 N US Highway 1, Tequesta Shoppes, Tequesta, FL 33469, to add an entry way trellis, and re-configure the existing bar and add landscaping improvements in the existing outside seating area

MISC

- Discussion and Action Regarding the Jupiter Inlet Outstanding Natural Area (JILNOA) Shoreline Stabilization and Restoration Project Plan
- Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
- Council Consideration and Approval to Sponsor the Palm Beach County League of Cities January 2012 Luncheon at the Tequesta Country Club – Not to Exceed \$10,000
- Council Approval of FPL Access to Tequesta Drive Bridge
- Council Action Regarding Annexation Report
- Council Update and Discussion of El Portal/River Drive Plans as Forwarded by TECA – Tequesta Country Club
- Air Conditioner – Public Safety Building
- Discussion and Strategy Session on Alternatives to Providing Services to the Community in a more Efficient Manner
- Council Approved Incentives for Interim Firefighters to Extend the Inspector Pay and Dive Rescue Pay Equally to the Employees of the Fire Department, Including Interim Firefighters
- Council Consideration of Donation Requests from Jupiter High School Project Graduation and Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

Open NEW TEQUESTA BUSINESSES

9 new businesses opened in Tequesta over the last quarter with 3 accepting our invitation to be featured. The other 6 were American Longevity Center, Café Heidelberg, Frasier Logistics Inc, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA, Next Age Floridian Living Realty and Oceana Coffee, LLC.



Blondies

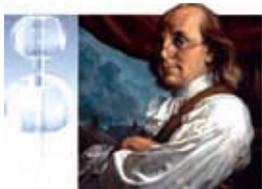
Outstanding customer service and great quality homemade food is what you'll find at Blondies. Many may know us, but for those who don't - we are Meghan and Courtney Conran, The Blondes! We have been in the food industry since we were little girls working in our family's gourmet markets in New York and here in Tequesta. Food and service is in our blood and is what we love to do. Now we are out on our own fulfilling our dream of opening our own restaurant. We hope you enjoy our menu as it's filled with our all time favorites and secret family recipes passed on to us. Every dish is homemade with nothing but the freshest and finest ingredients and as always served with a smile. Visit us at 181 US Hwy. One, or call us at 561-744-0806, or email, info@blondiesgoodfood.com



Hometown Cleaners and Tailors

In 1960, Gerry Padon and his son Forest started a dry cleaning delivery service in the suburbs of Chicago and opened their first dry cleaning plant. In 1980 they purchased Stuart Dry Cleaners and moved their families and business to South Florida. They soon expanded to 8 locations in Martin County and northern Palm Beach County. In 2005, Forest's son, Brent joined the family business and holds true to the company's founding philosophy: "Quality Work. Friendly Service."

They opened their doors in Gallery Square South in January and the long time Tequesta residents are now eager to offer their services to their friends and neighbors. Brent Padon says "My wife and I are both Tequesta natives. After moving back to Tequesta to raise our family, we knew it would be the perfect place to open our next Hometown Cleaners location." With over 50 years of experience, Hometown Cleaners offers the finest quality dry cleaning, laundering, drapery cleaning and alterations. In addition to their convenient Tequesta location with curbside service, they also offer pickup and delivery to your home or office. Visit them online at: www.yourhometowncleaners.com, email hometowncleaners@yahoo.com or telephone 561-746-0003.



Poiesis Medical LLC

Poiesis Medical LLC was founded with the mission of developing and bringing to market enhanced urinary care products providing better patient care and outcomes while reducing overall health care costs. The company was founded by two local residents, Bruce E Wiita, MD and Greg Wiita who were later joined by Tequesta resident Frank D'Ambr. Poiesis is now in the process of introducing its first product the Duette™, an advanced urinary drainage catheter which is an FDA cleared solution designed to reduce clinically confirmed, common adverse events resulting from Foley urinary catheterization. The Duette's™ revolutionary design prevents damage from occurring to the bladder wall, maintaining the body's own natural defenses and improving patient comfort.



Imagine a better catheter. Imagine a Duette™

Poiesis Medical is proud to call Tequesta our home as we continue to seek out and develop health care solutions that will provide improved patient outcomes at reduced costs to the US healthcare system. Contact Poiesis Medical at 561.842.7560 or email frank@poiesismedical.com.

Meet Tequesta Resident Tom Bowers



A Pinetree Circle dweller for over 10 years, Tom Bowers has just published a new book, *Standing in the Doorway*. The author has sub-titled the amorous compendium, *Little Love Portrayals and Like Confections*. It is a collection of mostly romantic poems, sensitively illustrated, that are easy to read, sometimes provocative and can be enjoyed by anyone who feels true love, the romantic kind, an important part of one's life, he believes. He sprinkled the collection with what he calls converses, brief assertions of proverbial truths: "Memories are the scrapbook of the mind," and "Language is passion's fuel."

Mr. Bowers' CV lists at least 9 academies, college, universities and dozens of adult programs where he obtained his secondary education. Although he declared liberal arts, English, advertising, public relations and music majors, his most significant study fields were dominated by electives about "What I wanted to know."

A self-proclaimed inveterate romantic, his professional life doesn't necessarily reflect that. (His private life is "whole nother story" he says). He has been a broadcaster -- radio/TV, on and off mike and camera (activities that took him to The White House for a conversation with the gracious, then First Lady, Rosalynn Carter); an advertising copy-writer/executive; writer/editor, teacher, public affairs officer, emcee, musician and self-proclaimed comedian.

Bowers is very proud of what he has achieved in only 77 pages, and concludes that "true love," the dominant theme of the book, can remain a lifelong rapturous experience, particularly when combined with consideration for others. Copies of his book are available at Mail & News Plus in the Publix Supermarket Shopping Center on US1, Tequesta.



Vulcano's Italian PIZZERIA AND RISTORANTE



The Village is pleased to highlight Vulcano's Italian Pizzeria and Ristorante in this the 2nd in our series where we spotlight the restaurants in our community.

Since 1990, Tony and Pam Bonventre have brought Tequesta authentic, high quality, savory and mouth-watering, Italian food. Their menu offers a wide variety of soups, pastas, chicken, fish and veal dishes, along with an assortment of Italian desserts. As the restaurant also name implies, delicious pizza is also a favorite staple of this restaurant.

The atmosphere is family oriented and kid friendly and a children's menu is available for the little ones. One unique characteristic about Vulcano's is its famous and in-demand private "back-room," which entertains 8-10 persons comfortably. Many of our local South Florida celebrities and Tequesta families have enjoyed and dined in the "back-room" for their private parties. They recently added an outside patio area for dining which has been a real hit with the community.

Unlike a lot of other restaurants where the turnover is constant, the majority of the servers have been with Tony and Pam for almost 22 years and they pride themselves in knowing their customers and their needs. Tony and the kitchen staff makes everything fresh daily and cook everything to order. Whether it is an item off their daily special board like their delicious Osso Bucco or an item off their extensive menu like their hearty Lasagna, you will not be disappointed. Whether it's dine-in, take-out or catering you desire, they will accommodate. Tony and Pam invite you to join them for great food and excitement on Thursdays to Sundays from 5-10 p.m. Conveniently located at 221 U.S.1 in Tequesta, they can be contacted at (561) 747-2880.



Women's self defense class in the works for May 2012.

Stay tuned for details.

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