



Winter 2012

SMOKE SIGNALS

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of
Frank D'Ambra
Councilman



The holidays are a special time of year when we reflect upon the past, share special moments with family, friends and loved ones, and look ahead to a new year filled with promise and opportunity.

In this season of hope and joy, we gather together to celebrate the values we share, embrace our differences, and give thanks for

the many gifts we sometimes take for granted – freedom and peace, family and friendship, health and happiness. We pause to remember the brave men and women in uniform serving in far off lands and at home who are protecting our country and defending our liberty. I know they would welcome our expressions of love and support.

We are also reminded of our responsibility to help those in need not just during the holidays but all year round. Our community is blessed to have so many who reach out to others. Your volunteer efforts have helped nurture those who are sick, comfort those who suffer, feed those who are hungry, and bring hope for those who despair. You truly make a difference in the lives of those around us and we thank you for your generous efforts.

On behalf of the entire Village Council I want to say thank you to the citizens of Tequesta for your participation, passion, and commitment to making our Village the warm and welcoming community that it is. We are grateful for each and every Village employee for their dedication, sacrifice and service to our community. Together, we are making the Village of Tequesta an outstanding place to live, work, play, visit, and raise a family.

In 1981 Ronald Reagan gave a Christmas address to the nation that is as relevant today as it was then. In re-sharing this I hope you will find it so.

The Nativity story of nearly twenty centuries ago is known by all faiths as a hymn to the brotherhood of man. For Christians, it is the fulfillment of age-old prophecies and the reaffirmation of God's great love for all of us. Through a generous Heavenly Father's gift of His Son, hope and compassion entered a world weary with fear and despair and changed it for all time. On Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ with prayer, feasting, and great merriment. But, most of all, we experience it in our hearts. For, more than just a day Christmas is a state of mind. It is found throughout the year whenever faith overcomes doubt, hope conquers despair, and love triumphs over hate. It is present when men of any creed bring love and understanding to the hearts of their fellow man. The feeling is seen in the wondrous faces of children and in the hopeful eyes of the aged. It overflows the hearts of cheerful givers and the souls of the caring. And it is reflected in the brilliant colors, joyful sounds, and beauty of the winter season. Let us resolve to honor this spirit of Christmas and strive to keep it throughout the year.

Nancy and I ask you to join us in a prayer that prudence, wisdom, and understanding might descend on the people of all nations so that during the year ahead we may realize an ancient and wondrous dream: "peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy and successful New Year. And in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone."

Councilman Frank D'Ambra

A GENUINE HOMETOWN FRIENDLINESS *Open Dialogue about Annexation*

Tequesta residents take pride in their strong sense of community, small town values and wide range of first-class services that support an exceptional quality of life. We enjoy the unique character that comes with a mix of quiet, single-family homes and condominium complexes that attract families, working professionals, and retirees. Both residents and visitors alike benefit from the Village's lush parks, vibrant business community and natural beauty that extend from the serene Loxahatchee River to the breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean.



Signing up for Annexation Workshop and receiving informational package.

The Village strives for excellence and has as its core mission the protection, health, safety and well-being of the community. Resources and training directed to police and fire-rescue are of paramount importance. Our Police Department has been accredited by the State of Florida since 2000 and with 27 full-time employees (20 officers); the ratio of officers per 1,000 residents is 3.55 in comparison with Palm Beach County Sheriff Department that is 1.95.



Police car with new logo

the advantages provided to Village residents. Our goal is to listen and understand the concerns of these neighboring residents, and to provide answers for them as they contemplate joining our community.

Recently, the Village initiated an open dialogue with residents of adjoining communities. Although some neighboring residents share the "Tequesta" zip code, they actually are not residents of the Village and do not have full access to

Using this proactive approach, the Village management is conducting a series of Informational Annexation Workshops with neighboring communities. The intent of these workshops is to provide residents the opportunity to ask Village staff and elected officials questions about annexation, applicable taxes, services, fees and to discuss any other concerns that they may have about joining the Village.

Advantages to Becoming Part of the Village of Tequesta

- Around-the-clock Neighborhood Police Patrols – 24/7/365.
- Response-Time for Tequesta Police: 3-Minutes or Less.
Average PBC Sheriff Response-Time: 15-Minutes or More
- Stealth bike patrols in Village neighborhoods by Tequesta Police
- Village-Wide Citizens Watch Programs
- While-you are-away, home safeguard check-ups by Tequesta Police
- Elimination of County MSTU Tax for Fire-Rescue Services
- Access to recreation events at no cost or reduced fees.
- Lower water utility fees for residents – Non-residents pay a 25% surcharge while residents pay only 9%
- Convenient access to building permitting and inspections
- Strong local government representation with easy face-to-face dialog with Village Officials

What is Annexation?

Annexation is when neighboring communities join a municipality to enjoy the many benefits and amenities that are offered to its residents. The Village of Tequesta has initiated an open dialogue with neighboring communities about the advantages of joining the Village.

Should you have questions about annexation, please contact Nilsa Zacarias, AICP, Director of Community Development Department at 561.768.0457 nzacarias@tequesta.org



Shot of Tequesta near the bridge

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BUDGET SUMMARY

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA - FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

General Fund	5.7671								
ESTIMATED REVENUES	General Fund	Capital Improvement	Capital Projects	Water Utility	Refuse & Recycling	Stormwater Utility	Special Law Enforcement	Total	
Taxes: Millage Per \$1000									
Ad Valorem Taxes	5.7671								
Ad Valorem Taxes	4,377,000								4,377,000
Sales and Use Taxes	1,243,870								1,243,870
Franchise Fees	401,400								401,400
Licenses and Permits	322,050								322,050
Intergovernmental Revenues	747,690								747,690
Charges for Services	904,590								904,590
Miscellaneous Revenues	193,750								193,750
Intragovernmental Services	344,710								344,710
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	25,500								25,500
Other Financing Sources									46,000
TOTAL SOURCES	\$8,560,560	-	-	\$4,269,600	\$480,510	\$319,100	\$50,000	\$13,679,770	
Transfers In	\$452,440								452,440
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$421,390	\$290,440	\$112,000	-	\$4,670	-	\$1,000	829,500	
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$9,434,390	\$290,440	\$112,000	\$4,269,600	\$485,180	\$319,100	\$51,000	\$14,961,710	
EXPENDITURES									
General Government	1,518,945								1,518,945
Public Safety	6,115,875								6,115,875
Physical Environment									1,000
Transportation	773,800								773,800
Leisure Services	578,710								578,710
Debt Service	431,060								431,060
Other Financing Uses	16,000								16,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,434,390	-	-	\$4,247,010	\$485,180	\$229,730	\$1,000	\$14,397,310	
Transfers Out		\$290,440	\$112,000					452,440	
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets									111,960
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES				\$22,590				889,370	
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$9,434,390	\$290,440	\$112,000	\$4,269,600	\$485,180	\$319,100	\$51,000	\$14,961,710	

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA, FLORIDA, AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

What it Takes to be a Council Member

The most frequently asked questions are about the time spent on Village business, the pay, the duties and the process to actually become a Council Member.

The Village utilizes the Council/Manager form of government where elected Council enacts local legislation, adopts the budget, establishes policies, and appoints the Village Manager who administers the government of the Village. The Mayor presides at all meetings but has no administrative duties.

The Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month to conduct its regular business. Special meetings and workshops are also scheduled as needed to address specific issues. Each Council Member receives an annual salary of \$3,000.

The Village Council consists of 5 members who are elected at large to 5 Seats and serve for 2-year terms. Seats 1, 3 and 5 are elected in the even years, and Seats 2 and 4 in the odd years. Each member must be a registered voter and a Village resident and upon being elected to office, must take and subscribe to the Oath of Office outlined in the Village Charter. Elections are held annually on the 2nd Tuesday of each March, with the Village Clerk serving as the Election Qualifying Officer and administering the Village election. During the annual reorganization meeting, the Council appoints one of its members to serve as Mayor and another as Vice-Mayor.

Any resident seeking office should schedule an appointment with the Village Clerk to review the "Candidate Election Handbook," where the process is explained including important dates and deadlines. Required forms and election laws are provided. At this point, the candidate submits their "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository" and "Statement of Candidate" paperwork. During the campaign process, campaign treasurers will be required to file regular reports of all contributions and expenditures made by or received on behalf of the candidate.

Upon proper submission of all required information, a bank account is opened and the candidate can then obtain campaign donations and make campaign expenditures. Candidates begin collecting the required petition signatures of at least 50 registered voters from within the incorporated Village of Tequesta, which are certified by the Supervisor of Elections Office via the Clerk's Office.

During the Village's qualifying period which runs from Noon on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 through Noon on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, candidates submit their:

- Loyalty Oath / Oath of Candidate
- Statement of Financial Interests
- Nominating Petitions (as required by Charter)
- Notice of Candidacy
- Notice of Logistic and Accuracy Test
- Copy of drivers license, and
- Village and State Election Assessment fees.

The 2013 Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Polling locations are:

Precinct 1078, Precinct 1088, and Precinct 1094
Tequesta Recreation Center, 399 Seabrook Road

Precinct 1112, 1116, 1118, and 1120
Village Hall Chambers, 345 Tequesta Drive

We encourage residents who would prefer not to visit the poll to vote via absentee ballot. Request an absentee ballot by contacting the Supervisor of Elections Office at 561-656-6200 or visit their website at www.pbcelections.org.

For additional election information, contact the Village Clerk's Office at 561-768-0443 or visit our website at www.tequesta.org.



FOR ME!

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

★ 3/12/13 ★

OPEN SEATS

Seat 2

Abby Brennan

Seat 4

Tom Paterno



Qualifying Period:

Jan. 29th 2012 - Noon

to

Feb. 12th 2012 - Noon

Contact Clerk's Office for more info

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For the Record August 2012 – October 2012

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

RESOLUTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Jennifer McLain for 11.5 Years of Service to the Village of Tequesta
- Fire Fighter Appreciation Month
- Palm Beach County League of Cities Update
- Residents Roy and Olga Pawela for Reporting an Animal Cruelty Case
- Officer Valerio and Officer Worcester for Continued Excellent Service
- Jupiter Waterway Trail
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the Finance Department



AGREEMENTS

- 1-year Agreement with Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) Renewal
- Employee Assistance Program with the Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County Renewal
- FPL Street Lighting
- Nextel Lease Termination and General Release
- Tanner Industries, Inc. Piggy Back Renewal
- Siemens Industry, Inc. Renewal
- Molly's Trolleys of West Palm Beach
- Toshiba Business Solutions Maintenance Contract/Police Department
- FP Mailing Rental (Postage Machine)
- Interim Employment for Firefighters Cole James, Adam Stark and Dylan Seifert
- 2012 Village of Tequesta Compensation Study by Cody & Associates
- Arcadis Water System and General Utility / Civil Projects Work Authorization for Water Treatment Plant Hypochlorite Tank Replacement

ORDINANCES

- **Ordinance 8-12**, Created an Entirely New Sec. 2-232. Canvass and Certification of Elections. To Provide for the Composition of the Village's Elections Canvassing Board; to Include the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections, or Designee, the Village Clerk, or Designee, and One Council Member, to Canvass all Village Municipal Elections
- **Ordinance 10-12**, Adopted a Small Scale Amendment to its Comprehensive Development Plan in Accordance with the Mandates Set Forth in Section 163.3187, Et Seq., Florida Statutes, Pursuant to a Village Initiated Amendment No. LUPA 2-12 which Provides for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map, Designating One Point Three Two (1.32) Acres More or Less of Land Recently Annexed into the Village at 4412 and 4480 County Line Road as well as the Lift Station Located Adjacent thereto, as "Low Density Residential"
- **Ordinance 12-12**, Adopted a Small Scale Amendment to its Comprehensive Development Plan in Accordance with the Mandates Set Forth in Section 163.3187, Et Seq., Florida Statutes, Pursuant to a Village Initiated Amendment No. LUPA 1-12 which provides for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map, Designating Eight Tenths of One Acre (0.8 Acres) of Land Recently Annexed into the Village Located at 4534 and 4518 County Line Road, as "Medium Density Residential"
- **Ordinance 15-12**, First Reading, - Annexed Three (3) Parcels of Real Property Comprising a Total of 0.7278 Acres, more or less, Located at 19578 U.S. Highway 1, 19590 U.S. Highway 1, and 19600 U.S. Highway 1, as more Particularly Described Herein; Providing that the Subject Parcels are hereby Annexed Pursuant to Sec. 171.0413, Florida Statutes and Sec. 4.02 of the Village of Tequesta Charter
- **Ordinance 9-12**, First Reading, Amended its Code of Ordinances at Chapter 78. Zoning. Article XII. Flood Damage Prevention. by Repealing this Article in its Entirety and Re-Adopting it to Provide Updated Regulations in Conformance with Requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program; Adopting Certain Administrative Amendments to the Florida Building Code Pursuant to Sec. 553.73(5), Florida Statutes, in Furtherance of the National Flood Insurance Program Ordinance 14-12, First Reading, Amended Chapter 78. Zoning. Article IX. Supplemental Regulations. at Division 1. Generally. by Updating this Division to Add Regulations Regarding Finished Floor Elevation, the Use of Energy Savings Devices, Home Occupations, Manufactured Housing and the Placement and Screening of Emergency Generators and Other Mechanical Equipment, and by Removing References to Broadcast and Receiving Antenna Regulations and Satellite Dish Regulations for Re-Location in Division 5; Further Amending Chapter 78. Zoning. Article IX. Supplemental Regulations. at Division 5. Wireless Telecommunication Towers and Antennas. by Updating this Division to Re-Locate Certain Regulations Regarding Broadcast and Receiving Antenna and Satellite Dishes
- **Ordinance 16-12**, First Reading, Amended Chapter 34. Fire Protection and Prevention. Article III. Fire Prevention. at Section 34-61. Florida Fire Prevention Code Adopted. and Section 34-63. Fees. to Replace all References to Special Masters with References To Special Magistrates; by Further Amending Chapter 34. Fire Protection and Prevention. Article V. Pre-Hospital Emergency Medical Service. at Section 34-125. Fee Schedule; Payment of Fees. to Eliminate the Requirement that Delinquent User Fees for Emergency Medical Care Treatment and Transportation be Sent to the Code Enforcement Special Master for The Village of Tequesta; Providing that Such Delinquent User Fees shall now be sent to a Debt Collection Agency for Collection
- **Ordinance 11-12**, First Reading, Provided for the Rezoning of Certain Real Property within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Tequesta, Florida; which Property Consists of One Point Three Two (1.32) Acres more or less of Land Recently Annexed into the Village Located at County Line Road, and at 4412 and 4480 County Line Road; Providing that this Real Property which is More Specifically Described Herein Shall be Assigned the Village Zoning Designation of "R-1 Single Family Dwelling District"
- **Ordinance 13-12**, First Reading, Provided for the Rezoning of Certain Real Property within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Tequesta, Florida; which Property Consists of Eight Tenths of One Acre (0.8 acres) of Land Recently Annexed into the Village Located at 4534 and 4518 County Line Road; Providing that this Real Property which is more specifically described herein shall be Assigned the Village Zoning Designation of "R-2 Multiple Family Dwelling District"

RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution 5-12**, Appropriated Fund Balance and Increased the General Fund #001 2011/2012 Budget in the Amount of \$105,590 to Fund Additional Personnel Expenditures
- **Resolution 8-12**, Transferred Funds in the Amount of \$50,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund into the General Account to Offset the Salary of Corporal Broedell while Assigned to the D.E.A. Task Force
- **Resolution 15-12**, Appropriated Fund Balance and Increased the General Fund 2011-2012 Budget in the Amount of \$36,247 to Fund Additional Expenditure
- **Resolution 17-12**, Supported the County's Continued Allocation of the \$12.50 Funds to the Municipalities Pursuant to County Resolution No. R-2002-0192, which Serves to Enhance the County's Intergovernmental Communications Plan; and Strongly Supporting the County's Disbursement of the \$12.50 Funds to Cover Expenses for all Municipalities that have Radio Systems that are Functionally Interoperable with the County's Radio System without Arbitrary Distinctions being made
- **Resolution 18-12** – Increased the Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget in Water Utility Fund #401 by Appropriating Fund Balance in the Amount of \$49,500.00
- **Resolution 20-12**, Amended and Increased the 2011/2012 General Fund #001 Budget \$74,175.00, Realigning Revenues and Expenditures Equal to the Amount of Insurance Premium Tax Proceeds the Village Expects to Receive in FY 2012
- **Resolution 21-12**, Adopted a Revised Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Provision of Water Services Rendered by the Village of Tequesta for its Citizens and other Members of the Public; Repealing Resolution No. 22-11; Providing that this Schedule of Fees and Charges Shall be Available for Inspection at all Times at the Village Hall During Regular Business Hours
- **Resolution 22-12**, Adopted Final Millage Rate
- **Resolution 23-12**, Adopted Final 2012/2013 Budget
- **Resolution 24-12**, Expressed the Village Council's Support and Intention to Create within the Village, the "Florida Green Energy Works Program" a Voluntary Program Providing Interested Property Owners with the Opportunity to Finance Energy Efficiency Improvements on their Property by Repayment through Non-Ad Valorem Assessments on their Property Tax Bill
- **Resolution 25-12**, Appropriated Fund Balance and Increased the Water Utility Fund #401 2011-2012 Budget in the Amount of \$168,504.00 to Fund the Payment of Additional Administrative Management Fees
- **Resolution 27-12**, Approved a Proposal from Duval Ford of Jacksonville, Florida, for the Purchase of a Pickup Truck in the amount of \$24,472.00
- **Resolution 28-12**, Increased Revenues and Expenditures in the General Fund #001 in the Amount of \$1,500 for Donation of Funds Received for Dog Park Renovations at Tequesta Park

VARIANCE / SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS / SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

- **SPR 02-12**, Application of Island House South West Condominium to remove kitchen door and side light to replace it with high impact windows on each applicable building elevation. The proposed wall color will match existing building color. The address of the proposed application is 325 Beach Road
- **SPR 03-12**, Application of Lighthouse Cove Condominium to construct a Six (6) Ft. high perimeter fence. The application includes landscaping to screen proposed fence. The address of the proposed application is 230 Village Blvd
- **SPR 04-12**, Application of Cliff Von Langen to remove existing window and replace with hurricane rated door and side light. The address of the proposed application is Island House SW Condominium, 325 Beach Road #109
- **SPM 06-12**, Application of Corner Café of Tequesta, I.L.C, to modify previously approved plan to construct a 500 square feet outdoor deck on the subject property, including a 0.2% landscape waiver. The application includes an increase in deck size by 10 S/F, remove the retractable awning, modify landscape plan and open space waiver to 0.21%. The address of the proposed site plan is 289 S. US Highway 1

MISCELLANEOUS

Approved:

- Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
- Fire Rescue Agreement with Palm Beach County
- Fire Rescue, IAFF Local 2928, to Participate in the Annual MDA Boot Drive as an Official Sponsored Village Event – All Proceeds to Benefit MDA
- Florida League of Cities Proposed Resolutions (with the exception of the Resolution regarding online taxing)
- Performance Recognition Compensation (PRC) for Village Manager
- Services from Island Time Productions for Tequesta Festival on Saturday, November 17, 2012
- Holding the 12 Annual Thanksgiving Day, 4 Mile Race & Kid's 100 Yard Dash on Thanksgiving Day 2012
- The proposed operating millage rate necessary to fund the budget of 1.20% greater than the rolled-back millage rate of 5.6988 mills and Proposed Millage Rate of 5.7671

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussed:

- Village Hall Hours
- Repackaging Vehicles
- Recent Animal Abuse
- Annexation - Nicole Circle and Colette Drive
- Jupiter Inlet Colony Fire Rescue Agreement and Police Services
- JI/ONA (Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area) Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration Project
- Non-Resident Fees to Enter Tequesta Fest
- Annual Jupiter Tequesta Athletic Association (JTAA) Holiday Parade on December 9, 2012
- Health Insurance
- Branding Enterprise Initiative
- Succession Planning
- Strategic Planning
- 2012/2013 Budget Planning

Open NEW TEQUESTA BUSINESSES

Eleven new businesses opened in Tequesta over the last quarter, with four accepting our invitation to be featured. The other seven were Froyo Cream LLC, Genesis Government Solutions Inc, Jupiter Dragonfly, Levin Marshall, Lisa Wiczorek, Super Start Nutrition LLC and Woodham and Associates of Florida LLC.

Futures of Palm Beach



Futures of Palm Beach is a brand new residential treatment center, providing personalized treatment for those suffering with eating disorders and addictions. Futures of Palm Beach sets a superior standard for our experienced and specially trained staff. All of our psychotherapists are Ph.D. level Psychologists, along with our Hypnotherapists and Recovery coaches, all with numerous years of specialized experience in addictions and eating disorders. We constantly evaluate and improve our evidenced-based treatment interventions, while utilizing cutting edge research to contribute to the fields of addictions and eating disorders. For more information, visit us at www.futuresofpalmbeach.com.

Renew Youth



Look and Feel Young again! Renew youth has recently opened in Tequesta at 222 US Hwy 1 Suite 5. The business has 3 related components. The cosmetics utilize non-surgical beauty enhancement with botox, fillers like Juvederm and Restylane. We also use Fraxel Laser for skin rejuvenation and Lumenis Lighsheer laser for unwanted hair removal. Our anti-aging practice includes a complete physical with advanced metabolic and hormonal testing. Bio-identical hormones, nutritional supplements, diet and exercise counseling then provide the formula for renewed energy and vitality. Our weight loss clinic utilizes medications like phenteramine, Topamax and HCG along with personalized diet and exercise prescriptions. Advanced metabolic and hormonal testing is also available. Contact us at 561-401-9892 or via email at contact@renew-youth.com.

Sit.Stay.Pet Services



Tequesta resident, Stephanie Wilson is the owner of Sit. Stay. Pet Services, a company dedicated to giving your pets the attention they deserve when you can't be with them. Whether it is for a walk and meal, or a sleep over, she and her team are available to help. Their rates are competitive and they provide services that a boarding kennel cannot. Your family member stays at home where he/she is most comfortable and care is customized by you for your pet's particular needs. Sit. Stay will also help make your home look occupied while you are away.

Keeping your pets and your home safe is their only priority. Stephanie would love to meet your family and share her references. Call her today at (561) 907-STAY. Stephanie also writes a monthly column in The Beacon where she addresses topics of interest to all pet owners.

A White Penguin



"A White Penguin" is an upscale, gently used furniture and accessory consignment boutique which opened at the Gallery Square North (387A Tequesta Drive) on July 1st, 2012. Mary Ellen White, with a background in Design, along with husband Jim offer a warm friendly greeting to our customers along with some good design ideas. Come see us and enjoy a great shopping experience. Contact us at 561-972-4791, or via email at awhitepenguin@hotmail.com

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS August 2012 - November 2012

NEW HIRES

Name	Department	Position	Start Date
Akiho Seino	Finance	Accounting Clerk	10/19/2012
Gina Lawrence	Com. Development	P-T Com. Dev. Clerk	10/16/2012
Dylan Seifert	Fire Rescue	Interim Firefighter	9/17/2012
Emir Yildiz	Police	P-T Reserve Officer	9/7/2012

LEAVING US

Name	Department	Position	Departure Date
Evelyn Shields	Finance	Accounting Clerk II	10/22/2012
Derick Velez	Police	Police Officer	10/20/2012
Suzanne Hooper	Com. Development	P-T Com. Dev. Clerk	10/12/2012
Karen England	Police	P-T Com. Officer	10/4/2012
Diane Astrella	Police	Police Officer	9/30/2012
Erick Day	Police	P-T Reserve Police Ofc.	9/8/2012
Louis Fallon	Water Production	Chief Plant Operator	8/13/2012
Jennifer McLain	Police	Police Officer	8/6/2012

Tequesta Research Questionnaire



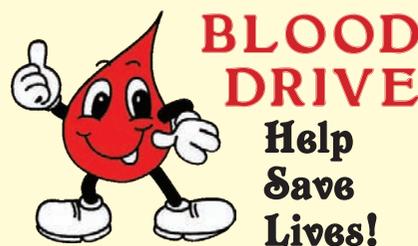
The Village of Tequesta is taking proactive steps to further distinguish its "brand identity" by seeking feedback from our residents and business owners, initially in the form of a research questionnaire that will provide greater focus on its public branding initiative. The questionnaire is on our website (www.tequesta.org) and will also be available in several Village publications as well as included in normal correspondence with residents and businesses. The Village Council recognizes the absolute importance of feedback, initially from residents... and later from Tequesta's neighbors.

One of the questions on the survey deals with the original Tequesta Indian logo and its current relevance to the community's identity. Some residents have suggested a fresh change and others would like to see a change but still incorporate the Indian into a new logo - and still others say "keep the Indian." Nevertheless, change in the Village is often done the more prudent old-fashioned way; Village Council simply asks its residents what they prefer.

The survey is all part of a strategic plan designed to further stabilize Village ad valorem (property tax) fiscal integrity, mindfully formulated to perpetuate consistently low taxes while enhancing real estate values. The initiative is actually the extension of a philosophy that has enabled the Village of Tequesta not to raise taxes in the last twenty years.

Tequesta has a population just shy of 6,000 people residing in about two square miles, yet it successfully operates a distinguished emergency services program that delivers its residents extremely quick public safety response-times 24-hours a day via their own dedicated round-the-clock communications center. The Village Council recognizes the need for exceptional financial planning to support their optimum level public safety mandate, and the questionnaire is one of the components of an ongoing community relations program to keep current and remain sensitive to the needs of the Village.

Visit www.tequesta.org
Under "Residents" click the Questionnaire Link



The Village will be hosting a blood drive and employees and residents are encouraged to come out and donate blood. The donation procedure is quite simple and generally only takes 30-45 minutes.

When: Thurs. December 6, 2012
Where: Village Hall Parking Lot
Time: 8:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Got a Question?
Find contact information at:
tequesta.org

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Village of Tequesta

Winter 2012-2013

Parks & Recreation

PARKS & RECREATION WINTER SCHEDULE

Class Name	Time	Age	Resident / Nonresident Fee
MONDAY			
Tai Chi	8:30 -9:30 am	Adult	\$1 / \$1
Show Up & Play Cards	9:30-11:30 am	Adult	FREE / FREE
Mah Jongg	1:00-4:00 pm	Adult	FREE / FREE
Yoga	6:00-7:15 pm	10 yrs to adults	\$10 / \$12
TUESDAY			
Adult Yoga	9:15-10:30 am	Adult	\$77 / \$88 Drop in optional
Cardio Tennis	9:30-10:30 am	Adult	\$10 per class / \$15 per class
Children's Tennis	4:00-5:00 pm	6-10	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90
Zumba	6:00-7:00 pm	15 & Up	7 classes \$48 / 7 classes \$56 11 classes \$60 / 11 classes \$66
Beginner Tennis	6:00-7:00 PM	Adult	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90
WEDNESDAY			
Adult Yoga	9:15-10:30 am	Adult	12 weeks \$77 / 12 weeks \$88
Child's Ballet	3:35-4:20 pm	5 1/2 & Up	6 weeks \$60 / 6 weeks \$78
Child's Combo Dance	3:00-3:35 pm	3-6 years	6 weeks \$60 / 6 weeks \$60
Mah Jongg	1:00-4:00 pm	Adult	Free / Free
THURSDAY			
Show Up & Play Cards	9:30-11:30 am	Adult	FREE / FREE
Cardio Tennis	9:30-10:30 am	Adult	\$10 per class / \$15 per class
Children's Tennis	3:30-4:30 pm	6-10 years	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90
Zumba	6:00- 7:00pm	15 & Up	Call for pricing / Call for pricing
Hit & Run Tennis	6:30-7:30 pm	Adult	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90
Gymnastics	3:15-4:15 pm	5-7 years	10 weeks \$110 / 10 weeks \$130 beginning Jan 10/ beginning Jan10
Gymnastics	4:15-5:15	8 & up	10 weeks \$110 / 10 weeks \$130 beginning Jan 10/ beginning Jan
FRIDAY			
Yoga (Gentle)	9:15- 10:30 am	Adult	\$77 Drop in optional / \$88 Drop in optional / 12 Punch card
Tai Chi	8:30-9:30 am	Adult	\$1/ \$1
SATURDAY			
Fencing	10:00 am - Noon	14 +	1 class - \$20 Drop In / 1 class \$22 Drop In 4 classes - \$72 / 4 classes - \$80 8 classes - \$135 / 8 classes - \$150 12 classes - \$198 / 12 classes - \$220
Children's Tennis	8:30-9:30 am	6-10 years	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90
Children's Tennis	9:30-10:30 am	11-16 years	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90
Hit & Run Tennis	11:00-Noon	6-10 years	\$10 / \$15
Beginner Tennis	10:30-11:30 am	Adult	6 weeks \$80 / 6 weeks \$90





VILLAGE GREEN
345 Tequesta Drive
(Next to the Fire Station)
December 8, 2012
5:00-8:00 PM

- Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Rides
- Games
- Vendors
- Santa's Post Office
- Entertainment
- Food
- Tree Lighting

Visit Tequesta.org for details such as admission fees



Winter Camp

December 26, 27, 28 / \$75
January 2, 3, 4 / \$75

Open to Village of Tequesta Residents

Register for both weeks for the discounted rate of \$125
Camp hours 8:30-5:30

Ages 5-14 Call 561-768-0475 for more information

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Constitution Park:
Enter at Dover Road gate
Movie starts at dusk/gate
opens at 4:30 PM



January



February



Constitution Park: 11 am-4 pm

December 2, 2012
January 6 & 20, 2013
February 3 & 17, 2013

Van Clans

Seniors, join us
for a fun filled
afternoon of
food and
friendship.



December 10, 2012 • Registration begins Nov 26, 2012
Be prepared to pay for your portion. The restaurant will be splitting the check to individuals. Space is limited. Visit Tequesta.org to get details such as what restaurant we will visit and any other information or call Kathleen at 561-768-0475

FROM SAVANNAH & ANNETTE TO CAPTAIN BUD AND THE "C" SHIFT TEAM OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Please accept this donation in appreciation for coming to our rescue and for all you do to help our community.

Hi! My name is Savannah. I'm a dog. I'd like to share with you an experience my owner (Annette Paradise) and I had one Sunday morning back in December 2011...

I love Sundays! My owner is home and we start the day by having breakfast at McDonalds. I'll have a couple of scrambled eggs and a stack of pancakes if you don't mind. And if I play cute, I might even get a few nibbles of my owner's English muffins. Ah! With full tummies we then head to Paradise Park. My owner likes to believe that it was named after her. But let me interject a fact here. We live in Florida...the tropics. Just about everything is named Paradise here. But it's not going to be me to burst her bubble. Now let's get back to the park. Imagine two open fields. I get to play Frisbee and chuck-it ball till I'm so tired I trip over my own feet and am ready to pass out. I'm an extreme canine. My motto: "If you can't run with the big doggies, stay on the porch." Yep, that's what I always say. Now this particular Sunday was a crisp, cool 58°. Don't laugh - that's cold for me. After all I'm a southern belle.

So we drove with the car windows closed. We had finished playing and we were getting ready to leave the park. I downed my bottle of water and jumped into the car. My owner put my toys in the trunk and decided to take the garbage and throw it in the nearby trashcan conveniently located where the scoop a poop bag dispenser is. As she got out of the car she accidentally hit the automatic door lock button. Without thinking, she closed the car door. When she returned to the car, she realized the door was locked - in fact, both doors were locked. Now humans debate whether animals (including us dogs) are intelligent. Let's follow my owner's thought process step by step:

- #1 - No problem -I'll just open the door with my keys that are in my jeans pocket. Wrong! The keys are in the car.
- #2 - No problem - I have an extra set of keys in my purse. Wrong! The purse is in the car.
- #3 - No problem - I'll open the trunk, pull down the seats and crawl into the car. Wrong! You need a key to open the trunk, which is in the car.
- #4 - No problem - I'll use my cell phone that I carry for emergencies just like this one and call a "pop-a-lock" man. Wrong! The cell phone is (you guessed it) in the car.
- #5 - No problem - I'll call Savannah over to the window and try to get her to step on the automatic door open button. Wrong! Now I admit I have mastered a few tricks in my time but this certainly isn't one of them. (Although I seriously was thinking of taking a night course in that for occasions just like this, but I never got my diploma from dog obedience school yet... and well that's another story.)
- #6 - At this point our eyes meet. My owner goes into panic mother instinct mode. It sounds like this in her head. - "Oh my God! The dog is locked in the car - she's going to dehydrate and suffocate from the heat. She's going to die!!!" Wrong! Remember I just drank a bottle of water and it's 58 degrees out.
- #7 - No problem - I'll save you. I will try to jar the window down even if it means breaking the window and costing a fortune to fix. Half wrong! Driver side, no luck. Passenger side, down about an inch.
- #8 - No problem - All I have to do is find a coat hanger, stick it in the window and hook the keys. Wrong! Despite technology, coat hangers do not grow on trees. Lots of luck.
- #9 - Our eyes meet again! What is it girl? What are you trying to tell me? Is Timmy in trouble? (I just threw that last question in there to see if anyone used to watch Lassie.) I bark a couple of times to amuse her as if the 20-

question game is really going somewhere. And, she replies like a rocket scientist - "Sticks grow on trees!" (I pray she never auditions for the "So You Want to be a Millionaire Show.") So off she goes to all the nearby trees testing branches that are dead and would snap off easily. Note to the arbor society - my owner is a tree hugger. No live branches were injured in this testing.

- #10 - No problem - Back at the car stick the branch through the window opening and scoop up the keys. Wrong! She drops the branch in the car.
- #11 - No problem - My owner will flag down someone passing by and ask for help. Wrong! Everyone ignores her pleas for help. Strange. I always heard it was just New Yorkers who don't help people in distress.
- #12 - Suddenly a park maintenance man comes by in a golf cart. Running towards him she explains her dilemma and is sure he'll be able to help. Wrong! What are the odds he has no coat hanger and to make it even worse, no cell phone. I quote him - "I'm sorry" and drives off leaving us stranded.

Now remember - I'm the one locked in the car. He's sorry. She's sorrier. This is the superior human race. No wonder animals are becoming extinct. I'm doomed!

Despite the fact that at the beginning of this story everything seemed to be in my favor, I was coming to the realization that if I was every going to get out of this car, it was totally up to me to save myself. So here is my thought process:

- #1 Pull down the back seat. Crawl into the trunk. Yank the emergency cord and ta-da the trunk door pops open.

And I'm free. This is the part where we all sing - Who Let the Dog Out - Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Oh no! Have I waited too long to come up with this plan? I feel a dark shadow coming across the side of the car. Am I dying? To be continued...

Sorry about that. I had an itch behind my ear. All right. Where were we? There was this dark shadow coming across the side of the car. I looked out the window.

I couldn't believe what I saw. There was this big neon green fire truck parked next to us. It was my super heroes - Captain Bud and the "C Shift" Team! Within seconds, Bud released the door lock and I was free!! My tail could not stop wagging "thank you" enough to the Tequesta Fire Dept. And here's what I have to say... "I'm sorry" - remember the man in the golf cart. He didn't leave us stranded. He was the one that told Bud about our problem. Gosh, there really are so many nice humans out there. And while we are on the subject of nice humans, this leads us into:

- #13 - As for my owner - did I just hear her say, "Girl let's go home and get a Beggin Strip treat!" Sweet! Now that's a plan I can live with!!!

P.S. Please thank the man on the golf cart - we don't even know his name.



Resident Laura Thompson shares her story of

Christmas Dinner and the Tale of the Port Wine Reduction

During the holiday season it's important to remember, that even though the food may play a starring role, the process of cooking is supposed to be fun; repeat after me, F-U-N... FUN! Things happen in the kitchen; food burns and spills. Ingredients often run short, are inaccurately measured or are left out altogether. These cooking misadventures, unfortunately, are even more common when preparing a big, important meal!

Last year, Christmas dinner was at Mom and Dad's. A gorgeous standing rib roast was cooking beautifully in the oven and looking for an excuse to strap on an apron, I offered to make a port wine reduction for the meat. I added equal parts of good quality port wine and what we thought was beef stock to a saucepan. The "cubes" of stock, which Mom had previously frozen using an ice tray, looked somewhat odd; a bit like how a lake looks when it freezes on a windy day; regardless, into the pot it went. The "frozen wave" appearance was forthwith explained when Mom walked by, glanced into the pot and exclaimed in horror, "My figs!" Loathe to part with fresh figs, Mom simply partially cooked and frozen them to enjoy at a later date. Unfortunately, a case of mistaken identity took care of that!

After we all ceased laughing, pandemonium ensued because the roast was "resting" and the time to eat was upon us! Thinking quickly, I added the real beef stock and stared into the simmering fig mixture as I stirred waiting for the cooking genie to materialize from the tantalizing aroma and tell me what to do! Fortunately, this wasn't necessary, especially since the cooking genie has never come to my aid in the past because I remembered my "go-to" solution for lackluster soups, stews or sauces; cheese rind! Cheese rind is a great finisher; one that provides an extra level of rich flavor as well as a bit of a thicker texture. Fortunately, since no one in my family is ever without a healthy supply of cheese, I was able to denude a nice wedge of unsuspecting parmesan and voila! The sauce was complete, the food crisis averted and we were all able to enjoy our meal.

Reliving this story on paper, I am reminded of the Chinese restaurant scene in "A Christmas Story"; where, after the neighbor's hounds storm the kitchen and decimate the family turkey, the family is forced to have their meal at a local Chinese restaurant where they are ceremoniously and hilariously entertained with Christmas carols by the Chinese wait staff whose command of the English language is somewhat sketchy.

In the process of preparing your holiday meal, you too may encounter some type of culinary disaster. Now, I'm not saying that a pack of wild dogs will pillage and plunder your kitchen and make off with your turkey and I know for certain that you will now be on guard against the very real possibility of figs masquerading as beef stock in your freezer but even if something else goes awry, so what? Don't stress and remember the F-U-N part! The holiday spirit has nothing to do with what you eat, how perfectly or imperfectly it is cooked and everything to do with the memories you make. Happy holidays and blessings to all!