



Spring 2013

SMOKE SIGNALS

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of
Steve Okun
Councilman



Steve and Sadie

Tequesta Is For Lovers!

Many of us, myself included, are dyed-in-the-wool dog lovers... and truly consider our four-legged pets part of the family, given they reward us with unconditional love and loyal companionship. Coming home to an excited bark & tail-wagging greeting makes even the worst days considerably more bearable.

So it's no surprise that our Fire-Rescue staff remain sensitive to the family pets; they're pet-lovers, too. Every emergency truck has special oxygen masks and paraphernalia tailored for pet rescue. And we're fortunate to have a pet emergency hospital nearby. That caring nature led us to develop a Pet-Alert lifesaving placard that aids in your pet's rescue. The brightly colored sticker indicates the number and type of pets in your home needing help in times of fire, smoke and other emergency events. Feel free to contact me for a set of placards.

Incidentally, did you know the Village has a dog park, actually two side-by-side — one for small dogs and one for larger ones. Each has a fresh-water drinking area for the dogs as well as ample bench seating in the shade for their 2-legged friends.

Village Is A Safe Haven For Kids, Family And Pets

Some feedback from our questionnaires recounts the community's delight in the round-the-clock safety provided by the Village emergency services with our own 24/7-dispatch center. We all seem to sleep much easier knowing that we have the safeguard of a continuous full complement of neighborhood patrols as well as the fully staffed Fire-Rescue that is recognized as having the quickest emergency response-times in all of Palm Beach County.

Village Flower-Power

Bolstered by questionnaire-feedback from residents, the Village Council has decided to harness the awesomely beautiful impact of flower-power as Tequesta's visual impact benchmark. Tequesta is forming a Village Beautification League of volunteers interested in enhancing the community with the constant presence of warm colorful flowers all around the community. Hopefully the conspicuous burst of color emanating from well manicured planting areas will distinguish our quaint Village with an inviting and cheerful wash of nature in full bloom. Residents desiring to help make the Village a more aesthetically pleasing place to all who live and visit here, should check the Village of Tequesta website or simply stop in at Village Hall... or contact me.

Research Questionnaire

It's not too late to share your feelings and help us to continue to make things better... and more sensitive to your needs. Take advantage of this opportunity to offer constructive advice and voice any concerns about anything relating to the Village and our residents and businesses.

In Closing... Bigger is not always better. And in many cases, smaller often seems much nicer. The quaint and friendly Village of Tequesta continues to remain a wholesome safe haven for families as well as their dogs and cats.

Need help or advice concerning "anything Tequesta", please drop me an email [sokun@tequesta.org] or give me a call. I remain at your service.

Councilman Steve Okun

VILLAGE WELCOMES NEW POLICE CHIEF

After an extensive nationwide search which yielded a field of 77 exemplary candidates, Christopher Langley Elg was sworn in on February 4th as the new police chief for the Village of Tequesta. Participating in the ceremony were his wife Roseanne and their three children Eric, Isabella, and Langley who will finish up the school year in Louisiana and join him at the start of the summer. Chief Elg joins our community after successfully serving 9 years as the Police Chief in West Monroe, Louisiana.

The police chief is a vital position in the Village, and as such, the selection criteria required extensive law enforcement experience, advanced educational degrees and training, proven leadership ability, strong management and supervisory skills, and the ability to provide creative solutions to today's complex issues. In addition, and most importantly, the selected candidate needed to be a "good fit" and compatible with our community.



Tequesta's comprehensive, layered recruitment process involved a selection committee comprised of current and former police chiefs, residents, and select Village staff. The Village's Human Resources Director qualified the initial respondents and the selection committee interviewed and suggested a short list of candidates. Village Manager Mike Couzzo Jr. conducted a detailed review and in-depth personal interviews and to complement the Village's selection efforts, an outside firm completed intensive background checks on the shortlisted candidates.



Village Manager Couzzo's selection is rooted in the belief that public safety departments provide the groundwork for local governments, and the current culture of national economic woes, mandates that police chiefs implement new strategies and discover new resources to meet community needs. Police chiefs no longer deal with only crime and criminals, but, increasingly battle escalated costs such as pensions and health insurance. Managing the business of providing well-rounded police services requires chiefs to be effective money managers, and innovative budget specialists who can delicately negotiate collective bargaining issues. Village

Manager Couzzo believes we have found that leader in Chief Christopher Elg.

Chief Elg was a highly sought after candidate who brings a proven record of extensive, demonstrated leadership skills and management of law enforcement agencies to our Village. He has the qualities, experience, and desire to lead our police department for many years, and a firm commitment to ensuring the safety and protection of our residents. He serves as Special Agent in the United States Coast Guard, holds two masters degrees, and is an adjunct instructor for graduate courses in Homeland Security, emergency management, criminal justice and fire-science. He is also involved with state and national police leadership associations. We look forward to the Chief pioneering a solid foundation of innovative programs and opportunities that will inspire our police employees and far exceed the expectations of our residents.

Photos: Top - Chief Christopher Elg being sworn in by Village Clerk Lori McWilliams while son Eric holds the bible during the oath Bottom - The Elg Family listens intently to Police Chaplain Paul Beresford's welcome address

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, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate income taxpayers - especially those 60 and older at nearly 6,000 locations nationwide. Below are the 7 centers closest to Tequesta where trained volunteers will be on hand during the tax season.

There are no charges for the service and appointments are not necessary. You are asked to bring your 2012 W-2s, 1099s and other related documents, along with a copy of your 2011 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 Fri	12:30pm - 4:30pm 11:00am - 3:00pm
Hobe Sound Library		
10595 SE Federal Highway Hobe Sound, FL 33455 (772) 546-2257	Wed, Thu	10:00am - 2:00pm
North County Senior Center		
5217 Northlake 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	10:00am - 2:00pm
Veterans Admin Medical Center		
7305 N Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33410 (561) 422-8262	Tue, Wed	9:00am - 1:00pm

Good Shepherd Spring Sprint 5K



The 3rd Annual Good Shepherd Spring Sprint 5K is coming up on March 9, 2013. It is a 5K Run/Walk through the beautiful streets of Tequesta. The race starts at 7:30 am, at Constitution Park, on Saturday, March 9, 2013. There will be awards and prizes for all runners in their age groups. There will also be an amazing obstacle course for children 8 and under.

There will be music, food and fun for all. For more information or to register please log on to www.springsprint5k.org. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please email Cyndi McDonald at cyndi@springsprint5k.org or call her at 561-746-5507.

Pet-Alert Initiative



Tequesta's Fire-Rescue staff cares about YOU... as well as your special extended family members - YOUR PETS! So much so, in fact, that we've developed a Pet-Alert sticker that indicates the number and type of pets that may be in your home in times of fire, smoke or other evacuation events. Village residents can obtain a pair of Pet-Alert stickers at the Fire station on Tequesta Drive or during community events.

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS Nov. 2012 - Feb. 2013

JOINING US

Name	Department	Position	Start Date
Christopher Elg	Police	Police Chief	2/4/2013
Nate Litteral	Water Production	Water Plant Superintendent	1/22/2013
Jessica Carlson	Police-Comm.	P/T Communications Officer	1/11/2013
Kelli Green	Police-Comm.	P/T Communications Officer	1/11/2013
Michael Liberta	Police	P/T Reserve Police Officer	1/11/2013
Cameron Revord	Police	P/T Reserve Police Officer	1/11/2013
Corinna Santacroce	Police	P/T Reserve Police Officer	1/11/2013
Joshua Kitzi	Fire Rescue	Interim Firefighter	12/14/2012

LEAVING US

Name	Department	Position	Departure Date
Dylan Seifert	Fire	Interim Firefighter	12/11/2012
Kathryn Barbera	Police	Police Records Clerk	11/15/2012



Sunday, March 3 & 17, 2013
Sunday, April 7 & 23, 2013
Constitution Park
Noon-4:00 PM

SUMMER CAMP 2013

June 17-August 16, 2013 (9 Weeks)

Camp Dates (3 sessions):

- Session 1: June 17-July 5 (No camp July 4)
- Session 2: July 8-July 26
- Session 3: July 29-August 16

Age Groups:

- Mockingbirds: Ages 5-7 16 campers per session
 - Flamingos: Ages 8-11 16 campers per session
 - Gators: Ages 11*-14 12 campers per session
- *the 11 year old must have turned 11 no later than Jan 1, 2013

Fees:

- \$325 per session 7:30 am-4:00 pm
- \$350 per session 7:30 am-6:00 pm
- Camp fee includes 5 t-shirts per camper
- Fees do not include daily activity costs

Camp Registration

Monday April 8, 2013, 7:30 am

Camp registration is open to Village of Tequesta residents only. To determine if you are a Village resident we will require you to show proof with a current driver's license at the time of registration. A Village of Tequesta resident pays their home-owners taxes to the Village of Tequesta.



Residents Only Please

Saturday March 30, 2013, 9-11 am
 Egg hunt ages: Toddlers - 10 years old
 Sponsored by the Village of Tequesta

TIKI TIME 2013

WHEN: April 27th
WHERE: Constitution Park
TIME: 3:00 - 8:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Headliner Band:
- Organic Foods & Beverages
- Children's Activities
- Last Event of the Season!

Around Town

Help to Beautify our Community



If you have a desire to help make Tequesta more aesthetically pleasing and don't mind getting your hands a little dirty, the Village Council would greatly appreciate your help. Having a green thumb, while helpful, isn't required. Volunteers will design, plant and maintain floral growth throughout the village hall campus, parks, gateways and roadway corridors. To apply online, visit www.tequesta.org. The program is part of our Public Works initiative to create and maintain a positive, uplifting image for all to enjoy. It also provides a way for volunteers to present a conspicuously visual mark of personal community pride, while tapping into their talents and skills and reducing taxpayer costs.



Community Research Questionnaire

The Village is working on a project and would like your input on a wide range of issues including why you choose to live in Tequesta, how would you describe the Village today, what your are thoughts on the Village logo, and what you would suggest the Village Council do to improve community real estate values. Visit the "Residents" tab at tequesta.org to give your opinion.

Citizen Observer Program

If you would like to be a member of the Village's Citizen Observer Program (COP), please contact Officer Kurt Blanc or Officer Aaron Johnson at (561) 768-0500. Our COPs assist the police department with the following activities:



1. Checking on closed homes
2. Helping with special events
3. Conducting registrations for golf carts in the country club
4. Checking business for open doors or signs of burglary
5. Reaching out to the public about safety issues

VILLAGE HALL DEPARTMENT NUMBERS

In an effort to get you to your destination faster, we are providing you with a list of the direct numbers to each department.

Departments	Telephone Nos.
Administration.....	561-768-0460
Code Compliance.....	561-768-0519
Community Development...	561-768-0450
Finance Department	561-768-0420
Fire Department	561-768-0550 (non-emergency)
Human Resources	561-768-0412
Information Systems	561-768-0554
Parks and Recreation	561-768-0470
Police Department	561-768-0500 (non-emergency)
Public Works	561-768-0480
Utilities	561-768-0480
Water Customer Service	561-768-0421
Water Treatment Plant	561-768-0490
Village Clerk	561-768-0440

PROCLAMATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

- Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Finance
- Presentation of Proceeds from the Chili Cook Off for Honor Flighted and Loyal Service

AGREEMENTS

- Toshiba Business Solutions- Copier Maintenance
- Tyler Technologies Web-Based Training Purchase
- ComLog Recorder Warranty Service Renewal
- Car-Comm, Inc. Radio Maintenance
- Proposal for Altima Lighting, Inc. the Water Treatment Plant
- Vote Processing Equipment Use and Election Services
- Mike Cesarno Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Liability for JTAA 2012 Holiday Parade
- Department Of Justice, Department Of The Treasury Equitable Sharing Agreement & Certification
- Zoll Medical Corporation Defibrillator Extended Warranty Contract
- Employment Agreement - Chief Christopher Elg's



ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 9-12, 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 11-12, 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 4412 and 4480 County Line Road as well as the Lift Station Located Adjacent thereto; 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"; Providing that the Zoning Map of the Village of Tequesta be Amended to Reflect the Proper Designation for this Real Property
- Ordinance 13-12, 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"; Providing that the Zoning Map of the Village of Tequesta be Amended to Reflect the Proper Designation for this Real Property
- Ordinance 14-12, 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 15-12, 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; and Addition ally Annexing those Portions of U.S. Highway #1, Inlet Court, Palm Court and the Easterly Right of Way Buffer Adjacent Thereto; Providing that the Subject Parcels and Rights of Way are Hereby Annexed Pursuant to Sec. 171.0413, Florida Statutes and Sec. 4.02 of the Village of Tequesta Charter
- Ordinance 16-12, 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 18-12, Amended the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 2. Administration. At Article II. Village Council, to provide Clarifying Language and Internal Consistency; at Article III. Officers, Employees and Departments, to Close the Public Safety Pension Plan to Newly Hired Police Officers after January 1, 2013 and Amending Exhibit B Accordingly and to make Certain Investment Changes Recommended by the Fund's Investment Manager and Monitor, and to provide for various Village Officers and Departments; at Article IV. Code Enforcement, to Revise the Term of Employment for the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate, and to Update Notice Requirements in Accordance with State Law; and at Article V. Elections, to provide Clarifying Language and Internal Consistency and to provide for the Filling of a Council Member Elect Vacancy
- Ordinance 20-12, Amended the Village Code of Ordinances at Chapter 78. Zoning. At Article IV. Nonconforming Uses, by Revising the Requirements for Maintaining, Enlarging or Expanding Nonconforming Uses and Nonconforming Structures to Allow Greater Latitude in Modifications to Nonconforming Structures

RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution 26-12, Called for the General Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, March 12, 2013, and if necessary, the Municipal Run-Off Election to be held Tuesday, March 26, 2013, for the Purpose of Electing Council Seats 2 and 4 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 29-12, Authorized the Use of \$26,128.75 from the General Fund Balance to Purchase Twenty (20) Electronic Control Devices from DGG Taser and Tactical Supply
- Resolution 30-12, Approved a Proposal from Maroon Dodge of Pembroke Pines Florida for the Purchase of a Police Car in the Amount of \$27,584.00
- Resolution 31-12, Rolling Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Funding into Fiscal Year 2012/2013 to Complete Purchases that were Approved and Funded but not Completed in Budget Year Ending 9/30/12
- Resolution 32-12, Declared Certain Property to be Surplus and Directed the Village Manager to Dispose of Surplus Property in Accordance with the Village's Adopted Procedures for Disposing of Surplus Village Property

VARIANCES / SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS / SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

- SE 01-12: Application of Randolph Hansen, Inter Plan Inc., for a Special Exception Use pursuant to Section 78-174. R-2 Multiple-Family Dwelling District (d) (11) Special Exception Uses, of the Village of Tequesta Code of Ordinances. The Applicant is requesting a Special Exception Use (adult living facility) approval for Tuscan Gardens at Tequesta, a 96 unit assisted living/memory care facility. The subject property is located at 4534-4546 County Line Road, Tequesta, FL 33469
- SE 02-12: Application of Cinde Topper, Topper Fitness & Health, LLC., 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 Special Exception Use (personal services) approval for an existing 4,200 square foot building in the Mixed-Use zoning District. The subject property is located at 130 N. US Hwy. 1, Tequesta, FL 33469 VAR 05-12 Extension - Council Approved Sign Variance Extension Request from Hannah's Home of South Florida for a 12 Month Time Extension for a Freestanding Identification Sign with a Zero Front Setback
- VAR 9-12: Application of Randolph Hansen, Inter Plan Inc. for a Variance from Code Sec. 78-705-. Required number of parking spaces, (1) & (31). and Sec. 78-284-Walls and Fences. The proposed project is Tuscan Gardens at Tequesta, a 96 unit assisted living/memory care facility (Adult living facility). Per Code, the proposed project requires 165 parking spaces. The applicant is seeking a variance to provide 100 parking spaces. Further, per Code, walls/fences may not be constructed forward of the front building line. The applicant is seeking a variance to allow the construction of a wall/fence forward of the front building line. The subject property is located at 4534-4546 County Line Road, Tequesta, FL 33469

MISCELLANEOUS

- Approved Federal Tax Exempt Debt Policies and Procedures
- Changed usage of Council discretionary funds
- Agreed Village property should not be loaned
- Discussed:
 - o Branding Initiative and a Grant Writing Pilot Project
 - o Business Friendly Issues
 - o Annexation strategies and progress
 - o Park Policies
 - o Mission Statement
 - o Support of Busch Wildlife
 - o Chief of Police Resignation and Search for Replacement
 - o Train Horn sound
 - o Website Graphic Change
 - o Upcoming 2013 Union Negotiations

Open NEW TEQUESTA BUSINESSES

17 new businesses opened in Tequesta over the last quarter, with 7 accepting our invitation to be featured. The other 10 were American Mail Direct, Inc, Faros Food, Timothy Rider Air Conditioning LLC, Peaco Builders, Topper Fitness: Health LLC, New Body Architects, Robert E. Silvia, Tequesta Family Medical Center LLC, Rives and Company, PA, and Circa Vintage.



Rising Sun Acupuncture

Matthew Terrusa returns to his home town to share his unique acupuncture offerings. A born and raised Floridian, he traveled across many oceans to the big Island of Hawaii where he received his MS in Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine and also had the unique opportunity to apprentice with a true Master, Dr. Chieko Maekawa. He studied a unique Japanese style of acupuncture called Seitai Shinpo under Dr. Maekawa and is one of only 23 Certified Seitai Shinpo acupuncturists in the world, the only kind that directly addresses the structure and has proven very effective in treating musculo-skeletal pain, sports injuries and chronic conditions. In Hawaii for almost 12 years, Matthew has worked with some of the top athletes in the world. Office location is 357 Cypress Drive, Suite #8 by the Cypress Café. To learn more call (808) 640-7586 or visit: www.acupuncturewithaloha.com. Aloha, Matthew Terrusa.

Premier Shellfish, Inc.



Premier Shellfish, Inc. is a certified shellfish wholesale company located at 360 Cypress Drive, Suite #5 (behind Alford's Air Conditioning). It is the first of its kind in Tequesta, specializing in Hard Clams that are created locally at our hatchery in Stuart. We control all aspects of the clams' life cycle - spawning, growing, planting and harvesting, after which we transport the product to Tequesta to be purged, graded, and bagged. Our facilities are located around the state within approved waters and we are certified to sell both wholesale and retail from our location. We ensure our product is "purged," removing any sand from the clams prior to sale. We are developing aqua-cultured oysters in the Sebastian area, which are available upon request and will be carried regularly as our production increases. Additionally, we are also producing and growing the Sunray Venus Clams which will be available soon. Contact us at (561) 578-1327, raiclams@bellsouth.net and at premiershellfish.com.

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Creative Florals

"Where Love Is In The Air!" Located in Village Square Shopping Center at 271 S. U.S. HW 1, Creative Florals is a full-service, family-owned and operated local business. With over 70 years combined experience, we can create for you anything from everyday to high-end designs. We specialize in weddings, banquets, events, silks and home décor and we are the home of the "Flower Power Club." We offer local delivery services from Hobe-Sound to Riviera Beach, Jupiter Island to the Farms and everywhere in between. Worldwide delivery service is also available. Contact us for all your floral needs! Open M-F 9am-5pm; Sat. 9am-3pm. Evening appointments available. Contact us at 561-277-9102, creativeflorals@aol.com.



Finch Photography Inc.

We are Wes and Ashley Finch of Finch Photography Inc. - a family photography business. Our work is a celebration of Life, Love & Family. We specialize in family portrait photography - specifically families, maternity, newborns, children, couples, seniors & small events. Wes is the primary photographer and loves opportunities to meet new people. He loves kids and works great with them by getting down to their level and into their world. Ashley is the office manager and your first point of contact who will guide you through the entire process. Contact us at (561)-398-2060 or info@finchphotography.biz to set up your session today. For more information or to check out our portfolio, go to www.finchphotography.biz



Tico Business Solutions

For all your bookkeeping needs... Tico Business Solutions is committed to providing bookkeeping services for small businesses in Palm Beach County. Owner Sebastian Loaiza, a Tequesta resident, brings a decade of experience in a variety of accounting positions, and is committed to meeting the needs of local business owners. Sebastian holds a Bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration and is a member of the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers. His services include bank reconciliations, accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, sales tax filing, and preparation of monthly financial statements. Sebastian can be contacted at (561) 398-3769 or by email at sales@ticobookkeeper.com.

Euro Esthetica Spa



Euro Esthetica Spa is a full service Spa and Salon located at 222 US HWY 1 in Tequesta. Under new ownership, the salon is owned and operated by Mira Molenda CPCP, a European and US trained licensed esthetician. We offer expert Skin Care Treatments and Permanent Make-up. With over 30 years experience, Mira is excited to share her amazing talent and results-oriented approach with pharmaceutical grade skin care products and techniques which include Oxygen Jet Peel that enhance the beauty of anyone's skin. On the Salon side, the Color Specialists are highly trained in INOA and Goldwell color, highlight placement, and advanced cutting. Popular Nail services include Shellac manicures, acrylics, and spa pedicures. For an added treat, why not finish your visit with a therapeutic body treatment? Our Organic Coconut Vanilla Bamboo Massage is sure to send you on a temporary retreat. For more info, visit our website, www.EuroEstheticaSpa.com. ONLINE BOOKING is available for your convenience. Look for our specials in Around Jupiter and Around the Gardens Magazines.

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THAI LOTUS RESTAURANT



Thai Lotus is a bustling restaurant easily missed by those not familiar with the area. Even though it is tucked away in a quiet corner next to Bealls Outlets on Federal Highway, locals and seasonal residents have been visiting this eatery for more than 20 years. Their reasons for returning time and again to Thai Lotus are simple: friendly service, freshly prepared food, and great value.

The traditional Thai cookery prepares its food every day by balancing the four basic flavors: sweet, salty, sour and spicy. With a wide range of offerings from Pad Thai, Curry, Noodles, Satay, Seafood, Duck and Fried Rice, one's appetite can easily be satisfied with these expertly prepared meals. In recent years, with the demand from customers, Thai Lotus has added Japanese Sushi, but with a modern twist. One of the signature rolls, the OMG Roll, is a favorite of many customers which combines tempura lobster, cucumber, avocado, asparagus, scallion and masago (roe) with volcano lobster tail on the side.

If not for her love of food, Petcharat, owner of Thai Lotus, would certainly have gone down a different path in life. For "Pat," as she is affectionately known by her customers, it is this passion for food and her top-class staff that has made Thai Lotus a success since its establishment in 1992. Whether you go for the Red Curry with Chicken, Hawaiian Fried Rice or Sushi Rolls, your palate will feel completely rewarded. Visit Thai Lotus at 137 N. US HWY 1, Tequesta Shoppes, Phone: 561-743-0069 or 561-743-0060, www.thailotus.webs.com [facebook.com/thailotustequesta](https://www.facebook.com/thailotustequesta).



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