



Fall 2014

SMOKE SIGNALS

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA
NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of
Steve Okun
Council Member

“There’s No Better Place To Be”



Steve Okun & His Dog, Sadie

As the calendar approaches the end-of-the-year holiday season, thoughts often focus on the feelings of “community”... and our shared values, likes & dislikes, and needs, while quietly reflecting on home and family. Some of those thoughts and warm feelings revolve around the Village being a safe place to live and play... or simply relax in the peaceful quiet of our Village of Tequesta. Your quality of life is tremendously important to us.

Snugly nestled on the northernmost seacoast of Palm Beach County and surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean as well as the Loxahatchee River waterways and Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Tequesta’s quaint two square miles is a cozy home to about 5500 residents. Don’t be fooled though because while small in size, our municipal services provide the highest level of public safety services in the entire county. Our own around-the-clock communications center assures fire-rescue and police services with the quickest at-your-door response of life-saving care and protection 24-hours a day, every single day of the year! And the exceptional quality of our highly trained emergency personnel as well as their leading-edge technology is literally second to none.

So, as we approach Thanksgiving, consider extending a bit of worthy recognition to those who never expect it and seldom receive it.

I’d like to respectfully suggest that you take time to start a warm tradition of genuine appreciation by each of you extending a personal “Handshake Of Thanks” to all of our Police Officers, Firefighters and Paramedics... whenever and wherever you see them. No need to be at all reluctant or the least bit shy about it, and they’ll undoubtedly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

In fact, what a thoughtful idea it would be to offer a handshake of thanks to all of your employees in the Village. They’ve all been delivering exceptionally high quality work intended to make and continuously keep the Village of Tequesta an extraordinary wonderful place to live and enjoy.

Simply walk up, look them face-to-face and kindly say “I Live Here And Just Want To Say... THANKS For All That You Do!”

Steve Okun
Council Member

ALL ABOARD FLORIDA

A history and perspective from Mayor Abby Brennan



A little over a year ago, a friend called and asked if I knew anything about a new passenger train service being developed to operate on the FEC railway tracks that run through the Village of Tequesta. Neither I nor my fellow colleagues on Village Council were aware that a project of this magnitude was on the horizon. We soon came to understand that our municipality was one of many that had neither been approached nor apprised of what was literally coming down the tracks.

We were to later learn that, since the early 1800’s, a private railroad’s right-of-way supersedes the rights of municipalities and counties to regulate what can be built and run on it. In other words, neither public approval nor elected officials’ votes were required! Such began the ongoing, and often frustrating, process of discovery about All Aboard Florida, the rapid train service proposed to stretch between Miami and Orlando, with stops in only Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach.

All Aboard Florida, a subsidiary of Florida East Coast Industries (FECI), plans to run sixteen round-trip passenger trains a day between the hours of approximately 6:00 am and 9:00 pm. The passage of these 32 passenger trains is in addition to the approximately 14 FEC freight trains that already run daily through the Village. In addition, FECI plans to install another set of railroad tracks that will run parallel to the existing FEC tracks. Although both FECI and FEC are owned by Fortress Investment Group, they are separate corporations with different management teams and boards of directors. Notwithstanding that distinction, All Aboard Florida passenger trains and FEC freight trains will run interchangeably on both sets of tracks.

It has long been the position of Village Council that the impact of adding 32 passenger trains a day, along with the projected increase in freight traffic, will significantly impair the ability for Tequesta police and fire rescue personnel to react, respond and render assistance at times when every second counts. The safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic at grade crossings and the Loxahatchee River train trestle bridge will be significantly compromised. Water rescues will be limited. Ease of access to either side of the tracks will be curtailed, noise and pollution will increase and lifestyles forced to change.

Soon after learning about All Aboard Florida, we began bringing attention to the project through public meetings, VOT website postings (www.tequesta.org), email updates, Council resolution, televised media appearances, radio broadcasts and newspaper editorials and articles. I met with U.S. Congressman Patrick Murphy and members of his transportation staff in Washington D.C. and later enlisted the support of Florida State Senator Joe Negron and Florida State Representative MaryLynn Magar. All three have made significant inroads, at both the federal and state levels, to assure that every safety measure will be mandated should the project proceed. They, and other elected officials up and down the coast, have also expressed reservations about the financial feasibility of All Aboard Florida and have asked for intense scrutiny by the Federal Railway Administration before approving a \$1.6 federally-backed loan applied for by FECI. In addition, several municipalities and counties to our north have passed resolutions in opposition to the project.



As elected officials in the Village of Tequesta, our commitment to your health, safety and wellbeing is our number one priority. Although we are facing a daunting challenge, we will fight to maintain the outstanding police protection and unmatched fire and rescue services you depend upon. We will continue being visible and vocal as we explore every opportunity to maximize concessions and mitigate, if not completely eliminate, potential adverse effects of All Aboard Florida and increased FEC freight. We will do everything possible to remain true to the stated vision of the Village of Tequesta: “...to preserve and enhance the unique character, community spirit, small town values and superior quality of life...”

For additional information, please contact me at abrennan@tequesta.org; (561) 768-0460

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Around Town

Water Production Updates

The Water Plant renovation is continuing to make progress. The Old Filter Plant building has been stripped and prepped for the workshop facilities to be installed. The isolation valves for pumps 1 – 4 have been replaced and we are awaiting the delivery of new motors and pumps. This equipment and facilities have had a very long service life and their replacement is timely.

A long awaited main extension and flushing fixture has been installed north of SE Tiffany Way, which will help provide improved chlorine residual to the northern reaches of Tequesta's service area. When fully operational, the flusher will save operator time as well as water.

Next month, we will perform our annual system-wide distribution flush with a free chlorination residual. The Distribution Staff will coordinate directional flushing to remove sediment and improve water quality throughout the Village water system. This process will also test and operate all the hydrants and provide an excellent opportunity for maintenance. Details of the operation will be placed on the Village website.

Nate Litteral, Water Plant Superintendent



The Tequesta Firefighters are announcing their 4th Annual Chili Cook-off and Beer Tasting Event on Nov 8th, at Paradise Park in Tequesta from 2pm–6pm. The Chili Cook-off raises money for HonorFlight, an organization that takes WWII veterans to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial and other memorial sites.

This year's event features 21 Chili Teams, mostly comprised of competing Fire Departments, music by the Lahinch Mob, Dani Augustt and the Palm Beach County Firefighters Pipes and Drums. There will be Celebrity Judges and much more. A raffle is being held to win a 2014 Toyota Scion XB. Tickets for the event are \$30 and the raffle tickets are \$10 each and are available at www.tequestachilicookoff.com or from any Tequesta Firefighter. You don't need to be present to win the car but you'll be missing a great time. The winning ticket will be picked by one of our celebrity judges at 5pm during the event. This is a strictly 21 and over event.

Like us on Facebook at: [Tequesta Chili Cookoff](#)

FOR THE RECORD Now On-Line

The Village maintains all records corresponding with the Council agenda in the Document Center. To access the Document Center, visit the Village's website tequesta.org. Click on the green Document Center icon, where you will be directed to the imaging center. From here you can view, save, and print the agenda, minutes, agenda backup, approved ordinances, resolutions and agreements. You can also listen to the meeting audio. Still have questions; please contact the Village Clerk at 561-768-0440 or lmwilliams@tequesta.org.



Extending Emergency Notifications to an All-in-One Approach

The Village of Tequesta prides itself on its approach in communicating with our residents. We have diligently worked to stay abreast of technological advances and social media trends. However, during two recent events, we realized various weaknesses within our communication processes. We recognize that the rapid pace of changing technology has quickly outdated our implemented practices. With the safety of our residents always being a priority, staff reassessed the current procedures, and reached out to industry leaders for improved options.



During our research, we learned that two-thirds of Americans (67%) prefer to receive real-time text updates during emergencies, and 59% of adults are more likely to pay attention to emergency alerts sent to their cell phone over other contact methods. With these on-the-go movements, it is important that we utilize a broad spectrum of available communication tools to best respond to the lifestyles of our residents. Keeping in mind the diverse population within the village, an all-in-one approach to communicate across the community is paramount.

Over the next few months, we will transition from utilizing a service through Palm Beach County to an in-house service that will directly meet our varied communication needs. The Village's Public Information Officers (Lori McWilliams, - Admin; Peter Allen, - Fire-Rescue; and Emir Yildiz, -Police) will begin a coordinated public relations campaign to announce our new communication system – Nixle.

The new system will enable us to push out important information instantly and simultaneously across all mediums: landlines, cell phones, text messages, email, social media, and the web. Additionally, we will have the ability to send notifications that include pictures, video and documents. What better way to communicate than through visual images?

Join the Police Department on Facebook



Let me introduce myself, I'm Corporal Yildiz, an officer and new Public Information Officer (PIO) with the Tequesta Police Department. I have worked with the Village for almost three years and am looking forward to many more!



I want to highlight some great things the police department is doing on the internet. Social media is one of the main communication tools used these days. Almost everyone has access to the internet via their Smartphone, and social media sites, like Facebook, add a new communication outlet for residents. You can find out what is going on around you just by subscribing to pages you want to follow and read. You can do this from the convenience of your own home computer or - on the go - from your Smartphone. I encourage you to check out the police department Facebook page located at www.facebook.com/tequestapolice and see all the great things we are posting.

We include a large array of information – everything from police and fire events, to Village-wide happenings, to pictures of our officers on the job, to news from our neighboring communities, and much more. With almost 2,000 likes, we invite you to join us as we continue to grow. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (561) 768-0500. You can also send me a message through Facebook on our page (or email me at eyildiz@tequesta.org). I am known to respond to emails quickly.

(Editor Note: all posts, likes, comments and shares are public record.)

TEQUESTA OFFICERS RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS

On June 21st at the Tequesta Fire & Police awards ceremony, held at the Tequesta Country Club, Officer Valerio, Corporal Blanc, Corporal Yildiz and Officer Ramirez received commendations. Officer Valerio was awarded the Chief's Award of Excellence, Corporal Blanc was awarded the Chief's Leadership award and Corporal Yildiz was awarded the Chief's Commendation award. Additionally, Tequesta Fire Rescue awarded Officer Ramirez with their Public Safety Team award. We congratulate and thank these officers for their dedication and hard work! We would also like to congratulate (again) Corporal Yildiz for being awarded the American Legion Officer of the Year award held at American Legion Post on May 24th.



Two Long-Term Village Employees Retire

After almost 30 & 37 years respectively, Joanne Burnsed and Ron Smith retired from the Village in August 2014.



Joanne Burnsed

Joanne Burnsed joined the Village on August 24, 1984. She initially worked for the Village as an Administrative Secretary in our Fire Rescue Department and later in Community Development where she eventually became a Plans Examiner. She officially retired from her position as a Planner in our Planning & Zoning Department on August 18, 2014. She loves boating and fishing and looks forward to her retirement. However, she intends to remain active in the Village of Tequesta and is one of the coordinators for this year's 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Beer Tasting scheduled for November 8, 2014.



Ron Smith joined the Village on March 9, 1977. He recalls that his boss at that time didn't initially want to hire someone so young and inexperienced because he'd been having a lot of turnover with young employees. He told Ron on his first day on the job that he "had better stick around for awhile." Ron more than complied with that request working for the Village for over 37 years and retiring from his position in the Public Works department as Parks Supervisor on August 29. He looks forward to traveling and Geocaching (real-world treasure hunting) during his retirement.



BUDGET SUMMARY

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA - FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

ESTIMATED REVENUES	General Fund	Water Utility	Refuse & Recycling	Stormwater Utility	Special Law Enforcement	Total
Taxes: Millage Per \$1000						
Ad Valorem Taxes	6.2920					
Ad Valorem Taxes	5,235,800					5,235,800
Sales and Use Taxes	1,178,600					1,178,600
Franchise Fees	414,000					414,000
Licenses and Permits	377,740					377,740
Intergovernmental Revenues	789,920					789,920
Charges for Services	1,089,876	4,195,800	477,245	318,000		6,080,921
Miscellaneous Revenues	332,923	24,000				356,923
Intragovernmental Services	534,390					534,390
Unrestricted Investment Earnings		9,500	375	1,100		10,975
Other Financing Sources	317,000	14,000				331,000
TOTAL SOURCES	\$10,270,249	\$4,243,300	\$477,620	\$319,100	\$0	\$15,310,269
Transfers In						0
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets		\$702,330	\$22,175	\$146,110	\$1,000	871,615
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$10,270,249	\$4,945,630	\$499,795	\$465,210	\$1,000	\$16,181,884
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	1,686,420					1,686,420
Public Safety	6,410,680				1,000	6,411,680
Physical Environment		4,382,330	499,795	464,910		5,347,035
Transportation	937,130					937,130
Leisure Services	544,480					544,480
Debt Service	518,990	546,800				1,065,790
Other Financing Uses	13,800	16,500		300		30,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,111,500	\$4,945,630	\$499,795	\$465,210	\$1,000	\$16,023,135
Transfers Out						0
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$158,749					158,749
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES						
TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$10,270,249	\$4,945,630	\$499,795	\$465,210	\$1,000	\$16,181,884

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Village of Tequesta has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy..... \$4,946,692
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes \$7,886)
- C. Actual property tax levy..... \$4,938,806

This year's proposed tax levy: **\$5,437,423**

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Thursday, September 18, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

at Tequesta Village Hall 345 Tequesta Drive, Tequesta, FL 33469

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.



The Ineffective Public Safety Servers Room, year 2006

THE TECHNOLOGY EVOLUTION

To Download Complete Article please go to this link: <http://www.tequesta.org/DocumentCenter/View/6097>

Approximately nine years ago, the Village of Tequesta had a paltry network infrastructure consisting of three aging servers across two disconnected sites. Issues were widespread, and the network design was ineffective. Unless you actually worked for the Village at that time, you were probably never aware of any of these issues, as the Village had no public facing E-Government services at all during these times, not even a website. With strategic investments in cost effective technologies throughout the last decade, we have made enormous strides in progressing the Village of Tequesta into a technological standout within 11 municipal governments. The Village of Tequesta now operates and maintains 36 servers across three redundant sites, providing both high performance and significant redundancy. We also leverage several cloud based technologies where appropriate to ensure that data remains intact and available to the public in the event of a catastrophic local event or data corruption. These systems help us maintain compliance with Sunshine laws and provide additional means of ensuring that applicable data is transparently available to the public when requested.



Current Public Safety Servers Room

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SERVICES EXPANSION

A whole bunch of new hardware spanning multiple, highly connected sites may sound impressive, but why is it really all there? The last several councils decided that the Village of Tequesta had to adapt to a constantly changing communication landscape. E-Government technologies that brought residents closer to the community such as our GovDelivery electronic communication systems, and Laserfiche Document center were prioritized and purchased. Our original www.tequesta.org website was brought online and later significantly revamped winning several awards in the process. The Police Department recently implemented a new CAD, RMS, and Mobile software system bringing immeasurable increases in efficiency to the department, and offering citizens tangible features such as our LiveCAD system for viewing past and current cases. The Police Department also operates an Automated License Plate Recognition System (ALPR) that has assisted in the resolution of several crimes and serves as a deterrent to such activities. Online credit card payments for utilities were rolled out several years ago along with an automated debit system. Both programs are available on the website. We have completely overhauled an aging telephone infrastructure, saving literally thousands of dollars a month on reoccurring leased line expenses. We recently completed implementation of the first phase of a new video surveillance and access control system. This system is designed to replace three completely separate, dysfunctional systems throughout the Village. However for now, the first phase provides exponentially greater surveillance and access control capabilities at the multi-million dollar and potentially sensitive Water Treatment Facility. An advanced email archival system that assures public access to Village email communication and sunshine compliance was installed several years ago. Systems that backup the entire Village network to offsite storage were put in place within the last two years. As well, our virtualized infrastructure enables us to effectively run the majority of Village systems from City Hall, Public Safety or even the Water Plant in the event of an emergency. One of the newest additions is a seemingly small but critical ability to transmit 12-lead heart monitor data directly from the device to the hospital instantly, giving doctors valuable time to ascertain condition of the patient prior to arrival and potentially saving a life.

THE FUTURE

In a relatively short amount of time, the Village of Tequesta has hurdled into the digital present, however our work is never done. Just as quickly as technology moves, must we also move to adapt. In the very near future we will be expanding payment services to additional departments. We will be increasing the capabilities of our internet circuits to provide a more pleasant online experience for our residents and to meet the increasing demand due to adoption of more internet-centric services. Also, one of the more exciting developments is the pending launch of our online Permitting, Inspections, Licensing, and Code Enforcement software suite. This launch will bring much needed efficiencies in these departments. As well, it will provide a robust online, public facing component that will enable users to apply for, pay, and monitor progress of such things as permits, licenses, and inspections all online from the convenience of your computer or mobile device. Although not immediately planned there are significant opportunities for optimization and efficiency improvement with implementation of a Fire Department Station Management Software as well as the municipal workflow as a whole. All in all, our goal is to continue to invest in smart technologies that offer both valuable services to the public, and provide increased efficiencies through automation ultimately saving the taxpayers time and money.

Open NEW TEQUESTA BUSINESSES

17 new businesses opened in Tequesta since our last newsletter. Five new businesses accepted our invitation to be featured.



Providence Education Group

Blending great teachers with the smart use of technology individualized through time, place, path & pace. Providence Education Group offers accredited school options with one-on-one classes, small group classes (max 10), full or part time. We offer academic tutoring in all subjects and grades, reading comprehension, study skills and time management. The test prep includes SAT, ACT, PSAT, SSAT, EOC, FCAT, GRE, GMAT and more while covering content, strategies and anxiety. Educational consulting includes college planning to find

the right fit college to include essays, applications and resumes.

Please join us for "The Inside Scoop on Successful Admission to Private School" on Thursday, October 2, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Presented by: Fred McGaughan. RSVP: Call 561-906-8624 or Email: cathy@providence-education.org Location: 395 Tequesta Drive



AGAPE HEALING ARTS Health & Wellness Center

AGAPE HEALING ARTS Health & Wellness Center is a family owned and operated Acupuncture clinic. Doctors Keith & Bella Cini are proud to provide quality holistic healthcare options for our local community here in Tequesta and the Palm Beaches. Our aim is to create a loving, safe & sacred space that will help facilitate your healing on every level. We believe it is time to experience true health & harmony as you relax your mind, rejuvenate your body and renew your spirit. Agape

Healing Arts provides natural, traditional and time tested healing modalities which include: Oriental Medicine, Acupuncture and Herbs, Holistic Women's Wellness, Thermography, OB/GYN care & midwifery services, massage & body work, Craniosacral Therapy, Aromatherapy, Arvigo Technique of Mayan Abdominal Therapy, Chi Nei Tsang (Chinese Internal Organ Massage), energy work & mindfulness based stress reduction. We are located at 385 Tequesta Drive, Suite 4 and 5. Visit us at www.AgapehealingArts.com.



Eco-Shanty Boutique

Eco-Shanty Boutique is a DIY workshop that caters to designing with recycled materials. This funky, fun little shop is filled with recycled art creations by local artist. We host Sip and Sew design parties that create a fun get together atmosphere designing t-shirts and other items with the created appliques. This past summer Eco-Shanty Boutique was filled with young girls learning to crochet, loom, hand and machine sew. I was so fortunate to have such a great response to a dying craft and I loved to see the girls sitting together talking, laughing and creating. Every Friday there

is a fashion show for the girls to model their creations empowering their artistic foundation. Amy Baxter of Eco-Shanty Boutique is a talented entrepreneur and mother of 2 boys living in Tequesta, Florida. For more information visit: www.ecoshantyboutique.com or <https://www.facebook.com/ecoshantyboutique/info>.



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iceland Cryo is proud to be the first and only Whole Body Cryotherapy (WBC) facility in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast. Whole Body Cryotherapy (WBC) is the body's brief exposure (2 to 3 minutes) to ultra-low temperatures (-220 to -240 F) which triggers a systemic response to reset the physiological systems of the brain and body. Applications include chronic pain and inflammation management, athletic recovery, weight loss, and skin and muscle rejuvenation. This innovative therapy is used by America's professional athletes in the MLB, NBA, NFL, NHL, PGA, U.S. Olympic Team, as well as many celebrities. Dr. Oz endorsed WBC treatments on his TV show. iceland Cryo is located at 590 North U.S. Hwy 1 in the County Line Plaza in Tequesta, next door "east" of Rocky's Ace Hardware. Please visit www.icelandCryo.com and call Edison Kiela, owner/operator, for your appointment at (561) 315-3434. get started. We offer delicious cookies, breads, the tartest key lime pie you will find, and Paleo items, leaving us plenty of room for expansion of our menu as we grow. We welcome bulk and custom orders. Contact us 561-348-4850, by email at TwistedWhiskinc@gmail.com or like us on Facebook at TheTwistedWhiskInc.

3 Natives

At 3 Natives, we like to keep things as basic as possible. That's why there are no additives in anything on our menu. Raw. Natural. Fresh. Call it what you want, we just call it Good. Our coffee is artisan. Our produce, locally sourced. And our vibe's well, positive. We are proud to be Jupiter/Tequesta's Original Juice Bar featuring all natural Acai Bowls, Cold-Pressed Juices, Superfood Smoothies, Coffee & More...So whether you're a Native or not, we hope we've help start your day off right. We are located at 251 S US HWY 1 - 561-203-7980 - 3nativescoffee.com. [instagram](https://www.instagram.com/3nativescoffee)



WORLD-CLASS EMPLOYEES!

The Village is so confident that its employees can run with the best anywhere in the world, that each employee has been assigned their own International Employee Day (IED). Starting January 2014, the Mayor, HR and the Village Clerk's department kicked off this new recognition program. With only a hundred full and part-time employees, there were no concerns about having sufficient days to allocate.

So how does this really work? Well, being a municipality, it starts with an official Declaration for each employee, signed by the Mayor. On the person's randomly assigned IED, employees are encouraged to do something nice for their team member. Fire-Rescue for example will relieve the employee of any chores for the day, which is really great especially if the assignment was bathroom duty. There are paparazzi like behaviors surrounding the employee, with pictures of their special day featured on the Village's website, Facebook and Twitter; after all this is an international affair! The individual is also presented with a traveling banner that says, "It's My Day," a sash and a crown or tiara. And best of all, when the employee retires, they take their IED with them, ensuring that their bond with the Village will never be broken.

Our first honoree of the program, Joanne Burnsed, celebrated her day on January 3rd. Joanne retired from the Village in August 2014 and coincidentally is also the first retiree who will continue to be honored annually on her day. Pictures of the celebrations are found on our website under the Human Resources tab.



Earlier this year, Traininnovations, a company specializing in training public sector employees, conducted some team building exercises for the Village and upon discovering the program, they shared the following abridged blog with the HR community:

"We discovered a best practice in employee engagement activities called International Employee Recognition Day... Now it's not new to recognize an employee of the month, give them a feature in the newsletter, or provide a special parking place for the week! What is new is the execution and follow up for this program! Employee engagement activities and the levels of ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT among the workforce have a direct correlation to the overall health of the organization. Adding an element of light hearted fun goes a long way.

Especially for those organizations who do not have the budget to provide pay raises or add more staff to lighten the load of the current employees doing one and a half jobs! ... How will this impact this organization? When difficult situations arise, and they will, and the staff is overworked, underpaid, and feeling exhausted, they will be more likely to step up. They care because they feel cared about!"

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Village of Tequesta PARKS & RECREATION

FALL 2014

MOVIE IN THE PARK

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON 2

October 11, 2014



- January 31
- February 28
- March 14



ADMISSION

Village of Tequesta Residents FREE*

*bring proof of residency

Non Resident \$5

Age 62 & Up \$1

Children under 3 FREE

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

FOOD TRUCK INVASION

Join the Parks and Recreation Department for a Food Truck Invasion & Concert in the Park on the First Friday of each month starting September 2014.



SCHEDULE 2014-2015

- October 3
- October 24
- November 7
- December 5
- January 23
- February 6
- March 6
- March 27
- April 24

THE FOOD TRUCK EVENTS WILL RUN FROM
SEPTEMBER 2014-APRIL 2015
AT CONSTITUTION PARK FROM 5:00-9:00 PM

Van Clans

Sponsored by The Village of Tequesta Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, October 15, 2014



Wednesday, November 5, 2014



Additional time will be allotted for shopping

Wednesday, December 10, 2014



Lunch at the
Ocean Grill

Wednesday, January 11, 2015



Wednesday, February 11, 2015



Choose any restaurant at the Outlet Mall

Wednesday, March 18, 2015



Lunch at
Ft. Pierce
Location

Tequesta MoGreen Market

Tequesta Green Market Dates for the 2014-2015 Season

The Green Market is coming back to the beautiful Constitution Park. The ambiance and convenience of Constitution Park cannot be replaced. Shade trees, seating areas, the gazebo for live music, clean restrooms, numerous areas for children to play, and covered food pavilions, makes this location enjoyed by all.

- October 18, 2014
- November 15, 2014
- December 20, 2014
- January 17, 2015
- February 21, 2015
- March 21, 2015
- April 18, 2015

New
This Year

Market hours extended 9:00am -2:00

Fall Classes 2014

PARKS & RECREATION FALL SCHEDULE

Class Name	Time	Age	Resident / Nonresident Fee
MONDAY			
Tai Chi	8:30 -9:30 am	Adult	\$1 / \$1 Per Class
Mah Jongg	1:00-4:00 pm	Adult	FREE / FREE Starting 9-3-14
Fit N Fun	3:00-6:00 pm	7-15 years	\$45 / \$50 Per day or 5 Days for \$200.
TUESDAY			
Adult Yoga Instructor: Diane Cone	9:15-10:30 am	Adult	\$43 / \$49 6 Class card punch \$8 / \$9 Drop in class - Starting 8-12-14
Cardio Tennis	9:30-10:30 am	Adult	\$10 / \$15 Per Class Drop in - Starts 8-19-14
Fit N Fun	3:00-6:00 pm	7-15 years	\$45 / \$50 Per day or 5 Days for \$200.
Toddler Tennis	3:15-4:00 pm	4-5 years	\$70 / \$80 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Childrens Tennis	4:00-5:00 PM	6-10 years	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Beginner Tennis	6:00-7:00 PM	Adult	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Hatha Yoga Instructor: Diane	6:30-8:00 am	Adult	\$43 / \$49 6 Class card punch \$8 / \$9 Drop in class
WEDNESDAY			
Tai Chi	8:30-9:30 am	Adult	\$1 / \$1 Per class
Adult Yoga Instructor: Arlee	9:15-10:30 am	Adult	\$43 / \$49 6 Class card punch \$8 / \$9 Drop in class - Starting 8-15-14
Mah Jongg	1:00-4:00 pm	Adult	FREE / FREE Starting 9-3-14
Fit N Fun	3:00-6:00 pm	7-15 years	\$45 / \$50 Per day or 5 Days for \$200.
Children's Dance, Ballet & Tumbling	3:30-4:20 pm	3-6 years	9 weeks \$108 / \$126 \$10 / \$15 Per class - Starts 9-3-14
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THURSDAY			
Cardio Tennis	9:30-10:30 am	Adult	\$10 / \$15 Per Class Drop in - Starts 8-19-14
Fit N Fun	3:00-6:00 pm	7-15 years	\$45 / \$50 Per day or 5 Days for \$200.
Toddler Tennis	3:15-4:00 pm	4-5 years	\$70 / \$80 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Childrens Tennis	4:00-5:00 pm	6-10 years	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Beginner Tennis	6:00-7:00 pm	Adult	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
FRIDAY			
Tai Chi	8:30-9:30 am	Adult	\$1 / \$1 Per class - Starts 9-18-14
Adult Yoga Instructor: TBA	9:15-10:30 am	Adult	\$43 / \$49 6 Class card punch \$8 / \$9 Drop in class - Starting 8-15-14
Fit N Fun	3:00-6:00 pm	7-15 years	\$45 / \$50 Per day or 5 Days for \$200.
SATURDAY			
Intro to Spanish	9:15-10:00 am	3-4 years	\$90 / \$113 for 9 weeks - Starts 9-6-14 \$85 / \$105 Sibling discount
Intro to Spanish	10:15-11:00 am	4-5 years	\$90 / \$113 for 9 weeks - Starts 9-6-14 \$85 / \$105 Sibling discount
Fencing	10:00-Noon	14 years	\$20 / \$25 Per Drop in class \$72 / \$80 - 4 Classes \$135 / \$150 - 8 Classes \$189 / \$210 - 12 Classes
Toddler Tennis	8:15-9:00 am	4-5 years	\$70 / \$80 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Childrens Tennis	9:00-10:00 am	6-10 years	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Youth Tennis	10:00-11:00 am	11-16 years	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-19-14
Hit & Run Tennis	11:00-Noon	11-16 years	\$10 / \$15 for Drop In Class
SUNDAY			
Beginner Tennis	10:30-11:30 AM	Adult	\$80 / \$90 for 6 weeks - Starts 8-24-14



TEQUESTA'S COUNTRY FAIR

The showdown begins at Noon on November 22nd, 2014 at Paradise Park

- Entertainment for all Ages
- Face Painting
- Petting Zoo
- Touch a Truck
- Thrill Rides
- Super Slide
- Wagon Coaster
- Train Ride
- Roll -A Ball Game with Prizes
- Track Style Kiddie Rides
- Multi-player games with prizes
- Water Gun Race with Prizes
- Treat Trailer- Carmel Apples, Carmel Corn, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Snow Cones
- Good Ole Country BBQ by Herbaque
- Beer Corral provided by American Legion

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING THE RISK OF FLOODS WITHIN OUR AREA

WHAT IS YOUR FLOOD RISK?

The Flood Hazard: The primary causes of flooding in our community are storm surge associated with tropical storm systems and afternoon thunderstorms, which generally occur from June to November. Certain areas of our community are low-lying and subject to flooding from rising water. Other flooding can occur from storm water runoff due to heavy rain over a short period of time, and blocked or clogged drainage pipes and ditches.

Village Flood Information: Please call the Community Development Department at Village Hall at (561) 768-0450 to find out:

- If a property is located in a flood zone,
- About the mandatory purchase of flood insurance requirement
- If your property is vulnerable to stormwater drainage problems,
- If your property is in an area predicted to be flooded in the future because of sea level rise
- Anticipated depth of flooding over a building's first floor,
- About past flood problems in the area,
- If you are in an area with natural floodplain functions that should be protected, and
- If a FEMA elevation certificate that includes flood insurance rating data is on file for your property,
- More information about flood maps and the community's floodplain management program,

The flood map and additional resources can be viewed on the Village website at www.tequesta.org. Additional information is available at the Palm Beach County Public Library.

HURRICANE SEASON TIPS FROM FIRE-RESCUE

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st and continues through November 30th. While Tequesta Fire-Rescue works hard to guarantee that we remain ready at all times for our residents, we take this time of year to ensure that all of our plans are up-to-date and our equipment is ready to go.

We encourage all of our residents to do the same. Some of the things that you should consider when updating your hurricane plans are:

- Make a family communications plan
- Learn the flood and storm surge evacuation areas and when you would evacuate
- Inspect and inventory hurricane shutters
- Trim trees and shrubs to make them more wind resistant
- Clear rain gutters and downspouts
- Service and test your generator
- Determine how and where to secure your boat
- Photograph, video tape and inventory your valuables
- Find a secure place for your important papers
- Ensure that you have a plan for your pets if you need to evacuate
- Have a way to back up your computer and be able to take that backup with you

A well thought out plan will reduce anxiety and stress before the event and ensure that you will be able to recover more quickly afterwards. While the Tequesta Fire-Rescue Department stands ready to assist, the responsibility for preparing for this year's hurricane season lies with you.



EMERGENCY BROADCASTS

Flood and hurricane warnings will be broadcast by local television and radio as well as The Weather Channel. The local media outlets provide a wealth of comprehensive information before, during and immediately following a storm event:

WPTV News Channel 5
WPEC News Channel 12
WPBF Channel 25
WJTVW Radio 103.9
Legends Radio 100.3

For more information you can contact the Fire Department at (561) 768-0550 or view our hurricane information at www.tequesta.org and the Palm Beach County Emergency Management Division website www.pbcgov.com/dem/hurricane.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS

As residents begin preparing for another Hurricane Season, Tequesta's Fire-Rescue Department would like to make our residents aware of the County's Special Needs Shelter, operated by Palm Beach County for persons with special medical needs including those who require medical equipment dependent on electricity, insulin dependent diabetics, those who are immobile and those with chronic stable illnesses. Pre-registration is required and we are asking our residents to apply as soon as possible.

To apply or obtain further information please contact Palm Beach County Emergency Management at (561) 712-6400. Applicants will receive a form to complete that must be signed by your physician and returned to Emergency Management. Residents will then be contacted by Palm Beach County Emergency Management and advised if they qualify and how the program works. Transportation to the shelter, if needed, is provided by Palm Beach County Emergency Management.

Additionally, Palm Tran operates a program called the Disabled Transportation Assistance Program for those who do not qualify for a Special Needs Shelter but are otherwise disabled and live in an evacuation zone, which includes all of Tequesta. Those residents can arrange for transportation to a regular Red Cross Shelter by contacting Palm Tran Connection at (561) 649-9838. We urge you to register now.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Any alteration to your building or land in the floodplain, including regrading, alterations or filling, requires a building permit to ensure development is taking place according to flood regulations. A substantial improvement to a structure is any construction, addition, alteration, repair, reconstruction or other improvement of a building in which the cost of the improvement equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the building before the start of construction. Substantial improvements must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. In like manner, substantially damaged structures must be brought up to the same standards as a new building. If you see building or filling without a permit sign posted, or if you need additional information, please call the Building Department at (561) 768-0450.

▶ DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

A community can lose a portion of its drainage system conveyance or storm water storage capacity due to illegal dumping, debris, soil erosion and sedimentation as well as overgrowth of vegetation. When this happens, flooding occurs more frequently and reaches higher elevations, subjecting properties otherwise protected to an unnecessary risk of damage. Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or storm drains. Practice good drainage maintenance by keeping grass clippings and other debris out of storm water drainage systems and drainage canals to prevent clogging and loss of storm water storage and conveyance capacity. If your property is next to a ditch or drainage facility, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. The Village has a storm water maintenance program which can help remove major blockages such as downed trees. It is illegal to dump or throw anything into the ditches or storm drains in the Village. Please report dumping violations and observed canal obstructions to the Public Works Department at (561) 768-0483. If you would like advice and recommendations to alleviate drainage problems on your property, call (561) 768-0450 to talk to a community representative.

▶ FLOOD INSURANCE

For many people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Property losses due to flooding are not covered under standard homeowners' or renters' insurance policies. Whether your property is in a low-risk, moderate-risk or high-risk flood area, it can be insured at reasonable rates with a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Flood Insurance Policy. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including a river flowing over its banks, ocean storm surge, and local drainage problems. Two types of flood insurance coverage are available; building and contents coverage, if the contents are in an insurable building. Contents coverage should be purchased by renters. Flood insurance coverage may be mandatory for some mortgage loans.

The Village of Tequesta participates in the NFIP Community Rating System, working diligently to maintain a reduction in flood insurance premiums for residents while carrying out flood management measures designed to protect life and property from future flooding. This reduction applies to all properties located in "special flood hazard areas" (SFHA). Many Village Departments continue to work together with the goal of achieving even greater flood insurance premium discounts in the future.

During the kind of flooding that happens in Tequesta, there is usually more damage to the furniture and contents than there is to the structure. If you are covered, double-check that the building coverage is adequate and make sure you have contents coverage.

If you don't have flood insurance for your property and its contents, contact your insurance agent. Information is also available from the www.floodsmart.gov website and from the Village of Tequesta by calling (561) 768-0450. Don't wait for the next flood is coming to buy flood insurance protection for your building and/or its contents. There is usually a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect.

▶ PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES:

Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other type of natural disaster. While recent construction practices and regulations have made new homes less prone to flooding, many older, existing structures remain susceptible. Throughout the country, there is a growing interest from property owners to develop practical and cost effective methods for reducing or eliminating exposure to flooding.

Several effective techniques include relocation of a building to a site that is not subject to flooding, construction of a small flood wall or earthen berm to keep water away from the property, regrading your lot or retrofitting structures to make them flood proof. Retrofitting is a different approach as the property itself remains subject to flooding while the building on it is modified to prevent or minimize flooding of habitable space. To speak to Community Development personnel about flood protection advice and assistance, please call (561) 768-0450. If necessary, a community representative will visit the site in question to review the potential flood problems and explain possible ways to protect the property with the resident. These services are free.

**Report local street flooding
to the Village of Tequesta at
(561) 768-0500.**



▶ NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF FLOODPLAINS

Wetland areas and buffer areas adjacent to open spaces help reduce flood damage because floodwaters in a natural floodplain are permitted to spread over a large area and open spaces provide flood water storage. It is our job to help preserve natural areas. These natural areas also help to maintain good water quality by filtering nutrients and impurities from stormwater runoff and promote infiltration and aquifer recharge. By preserving natural areas, turtle, fish and wildlife habitats are protected to provide breeding and feeding grounds. There are wetland areas along the Intracoastal in the Village of Tequesta that are mapped in the National Wetlands Inventory.



Web Link to view enlarged flood map above: <http://www.tequesta.org/index.aspx?nid=1134>

FLOOD SAFETY MEASURES:

You can protect yourself from flood hazards by taking measures to ensure the safety of life and property before, during, and after a flood.

- **Do not walk through flowing water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to see how deep the water is.
- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed away and canals may not be distinguishable from roads.
- **Stay away from power lines & electrical wires.** The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to Florida Power & Light or to the Tequesta Police Department immediately.
- **Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.
- **Be alert for gas leaks.** Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lantern or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.