



Fall 2015

SMOKE SIGNALS

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA
NEWSLETTER

From the Desk of
Tom Paterno
Council Member



Tom Paterno

I hope that your summer was as good as my wife's and mine. My two oldest children were home from college along with my youngest, who will be a senior at Jupiter High School. Tequesta's scenic river, the Intracoastal Waterway, nature areas and beaches all contribute to make our village a real paradise. I certainly do not

want to forget the people who make it the best hometown in America.

Tequesta — or should I say **paradise** — is like no other place. I have lived or visited a variety of places around the country but have found no place like Tequesta. Like many of you, someday I have to pinch myself to see if I am just dreaming.

To keep this dream moving into the future, the Village needs fresh new ideas from you to keep us moving forward. Few of the things we have been talking about is the need to maintain or improve our roads, sidewalks and lighting infrastructure. We're talking about the same things we all do everyday in our homes. I, along with the Village staff, need your help identifying areas that need some improvements or "TLC".

Together we can pass forward this quaint little Village, we call home, to our children and grandchildren to enjoy as we do every day. My dream is for the future generations to come and enjoy our Village life style as much as we do. Passing the Village forward in better condition than we were handed it, is a dream worth chasing for all of us.

I can be reached at (561)768-0460 or email me at tpaterno@tequesta.org.

Tom Paterno *Council Member*

FOR THE RECORD
Now On-Line



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MARCH ELECTION DATE CHANGE and HOW TO BECOME A COUNCIL MEMBER

Many have wondered what it takes to be a Village Council Member; how much time does each member spend on Village business; what are they paid; what are their duties; and how can I become a Council Member and serve my community?

Due to the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), the 2016 Municipal Election has been changed from the second Tuesday in March to the third Tuesday in March (3/15) to coincide with the PPP. As a result, the Qualifying Period has been changed. The Qualifying Period begins at Noon, Monday, November 23, 2015 through Noon, Monday, December 7, 2015. These dates and times are strictly enforced and are not flexible. The Village Clerk's phone clock is the official clock for compliance purposes.

★ The following seats are scheduled for the next election:

- Seat 1 - current incumbent - Vince Arena
- Seat 3 - current incumbent - Steve Okun
- Seat 5 - current incumbent - Frank D'Ambr

★ Form of Government

The Village of Tequesta utilizes the Council/Manager form of government and is subject only to the limitations imposed by the constitution and laws of the State of Florida and by the Village Charter. The job of the elective Council is to:

- Enact local legislation through ordinance
- Establish policy through resolution
- Adopt the village budget, and
- Appoint the village manager and attorney

The village manager in turn is tasked with executing the policies and laws and administers the day-to-day operations.

★ Meetings

The Village Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month to conduct its regular business and encourages residents to attend and provide input. Additionally, special meetings and workshops are held, as needed, to address specific issues relating to Village matters.

★ Salary

Council salary rates will increase from \$250.00 per month to \$600.00 per month beginning April 1, 2016. An annual 2% increase will also be applied each year thereafter. The salary increase in excess of the current \$250.00 monthly salary, as well as the 2% annual increase, is not effective for any particular council member until after the expiration of the council member's current term, pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Village Charter.

★ Election

The Council consists of five (5) members who are elected at large to five Seats. Seats 1, 3 and 5 are elected in the even years with Seats 2 and 4 elected in the odd years. Council Members serve the residents of the Village for two-year terms and there are no term limits. Council Members must be registered voters and residents of the incorporated Village; and upon being elected to office must take and subscribe to the Oath of Office as outlined in the Village Charter and in State Statute.

★ Mayor and Vice-Mayor

Each year during the Reorganization Meeting following the annual election, council appoints one of its members to serve as Mayor and another member to serve as Vice-Mayor. The Mayor and Vice-Mayor serve at the pleasure of the Council for one (1) year and/or until a successor shall be appointed and qualified. The Mayor presides at all meetings and executes all instruments to which the Village is a party, as approved by vote of the Village Council, unless otherwise provided hereby or by ordinance. Per the Charter, the Mayor has no administrative duties.

★ How to Run for Office

When a resident decides to seek office, they should schedule an appointment with the Village Clerk to review the "Candidate Election Handbook." During this meeting, a comprehensive explanation of the process is provided, required forms and election laws reviewed, and important dates and deadlines are discussed.

For additional election information, contact Lori McWilliams, MMC, the Village Clerk at 561-768-0443 or via email at lmwilliams@tequesta.org.

Lori McWilliams, MMC
Village Clerk



Around Town

CPR at the Fire House



CPR classes are typically held on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Public Safety Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fees: Resident - \$25.00 • Non-resident - \$35.00

For additional information and to reserve a spot, contact Fire at 561-768-0559.

Promotions at the Fire House

Due to the recent retirement of Captain Burnsed, Lt. Mark Fives was promoted to Captain on July 30, 2015 and Adam Stark was promoted from Interim Firefighter to fulltime firefighter effective August 13, 2015.



CHEAP INSURANCE

Smoke Alarms in your home saves lives!

Roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.

If you need help testing or replacing your smoke alarms, contact Tequesta Fire Rescue at 561-768-0550.

New Building Codes

The 2014 Edition of the Florida Building Code (5th Edition) became effective at midnight June 30, 2015. As a result the Building Department stopped accepting applications for permits designed under the 2010 edition of the Florida Building Code Wednesday morning July 1, 2015. All proposed construction and remodeling plans and documents must reference the newly adopted 2014 FBC (5th Edition). Florida Product Approvals and Miami Dade NOA's must indicate compliance with the new 2014 code.

The Administrative Chapter of the Florida Building Code, Chapter 1, has also been rewritten to include new construction requirements regarding flood protection, as well as new swimming pool construction requirements.

Chapter 35 of the new 2014 FBC, 5th Edition, references the 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC) as the electrical Standard for Florida. These books are currently available through the Building Officials Association of Florida at www.boaf.net and the International Code Council at www.iccsafe.org; as well as www.nfpa.org .

For questions regarding any of the above subjects please feel free to contact the Village of Tequesta Building Department at (561) 768-0450.

Fire Rescue Diver Rescues Man



This has been another busy summer for Tequesta's Marine Rescue boat (Marine-85). On June 18, Marine-85 was dispatched for an overturned boat. Firefighters assisted Tequesta Police with the rescue of the lone occupant and the recovery of his boat.

A little after midnight on July 22 firefighters were dispatched for the report of a man who had jumped, fully clothed, off the 707 Bridge (the bridge to Jupiter Island) in an apparent suicide attempt. The firefighters in Marine-85 found the man barely alive, floating in the water a half mile north of the bridge and were able to rescue him before he drowned.

On July 30, Tequesta's Dive Team was requested to search several areas for evidence as an assist to Tequesta Police, and on August 7, Marine-85 was used to help Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue locate and transport a 15 year-old drowning victim. In spite of the efforts by paramedics on board Marine-85 the victim did not survive.

Tequesta is the only agency in Palm Beach County that provides paramedics and firefighters on a rescue boat 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They respond to calls for help within the boundaries of Tequesta and in the surrounding waters of the Intracoastal Waterway, Loxahatchee River and the Atlantic Ocean at the request of our neighboring communities.

Floodplain Management News

Floods are the number one natural disaster in the United States; causing damage and destruction across regions nationwide, wiping out homes and businesses. They are not limited to coastal areas or to devastating tropical storms and can happen almost anywhere. Many areas of the country are at heightened risk for flooding due to heavy rains. Summer months bring heavy rains to the eastern and southern United States as warm air and moisture from the ocean move inland. Excessive rainfall can happen anytime, putting your property at grave risk. Cresting rivers, backed-up storm drains or saturated ground all contribute to significant flooding when there is an excessive amount of rainfall.



There are several ways you can take steps to reduce the financial impact of flooding before a disaster strikes. Many residents and business owners in Tequesta are unaware that they qualify for flood insurance. Everyone should review their current home owner policy and become familiar with what is and is not covered, as damage due to flooding is typically not covered.

Call your insurance agent to purchase flood insurance for your home, your business, and their contents. And most importantly, make a flood plan and plan evacuation routes. Itemize and take pictures of possessions. Keep valuable items and family heirlooms on the upper floors of your home or building. Always remember - never drive through flooded areas. It only takes water a foot deep to float your vehicle and cause you to lose control.

Tequesta Terrace Assisted Living Facility Donates \$1,000 to the Friends of Public Safety



Fire Chief Weinand, Police Chief Elg and Mayor Abby Brennan

When the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 occurred, the pain of that day was felt across the country and the world. You did not have to be in New York City to experience the feelings of anguish and emptiness the attacks left in our souls. In Tequesta, the local fire department set out to recognize those first responders of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, along with the city's own first responders, by erecting a monument in their honor.

A fundraising initiative was started, and through this noble act, the organization Friends of Public Safety, Inc. was born. Once the monument was successfully built, the leftover money was earmarked for emergency funds to help firefighters, police officers, paramedics and their families during life's difficulties.

Because of the many lives touched by the Friends of Public Safety, Inc., the Tequesta Terrace Assisted Living Facility (ALF) and its residents presented Mayor Abby Brennan, Fire Chief Weinand, and Police Chief Elg with a \$1,000 donation on July 15, 2015. Karen Schmidt, Tequesta Terrace Assisted Living Facility Outreach Director, commended the police and fire department for their service to the ALF and Village residents. Mayor Abby Brennan thanked Tequesta Terrace for their generous donation.

In addition to the \$1,000 donation, the ALF also donated a beautiful Tiffany plate to be placed in the Public Safety lobby.

Police Receive Award for DUI Enforcement



The Tequesta Police Department received an award for their efforts in developing and maintaining a comprehensive traffic safety program especially in the area of DUI enforcement. The police department placed in the top three for agencies our size in the entire State of Florida. This award would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of every member of the police department. Police Chief Christopher Elg acknowledged Sergeant Smolen for ensuring the traffic safety initiatives and activities were well planned, properly documented, and reported in order to receive the award.

The police department received \$10,000 to spend from the Florida Law Enforcement Challenge catalog on traffic safety and enforcement equipment.



Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

The Village of Tequesta set its first public budget hearing for September 10, 2015 at 6PM and its second and final budget hearing held on September 17, 2015 at 5:01 PM. The Village of Tequesta advertises the budget hearings in the Palm Beach Post not only to meet the Truth in Millage (TRIM) requirements, but also to allow anyone interested to attend and comment.

Budgets are vital tools for establishing policy and maintaining control over the management of public resources - like your tax dollars. The Village of Tequesta's Village Council determines how much and what types of financial resources shall be raised, and how they will be spent. Their required approval of the budget demonstrates the principle that taxes can only be raised or expended with the approval of the people's elected representatives.

The annual budget began with the Village Council setting goals and objectives pointing the Village of Tequesta in a direction that reflected the needs and desires of the Village residents. The Village Manager initially met with all departments informing them of the direction the Village Council wanted to move towards and explained the financial boundaries that their budgets should be kept within. The finance department submitted revenue projections to the Village Manager and met with each department to discuss line-by-line budgets that were submitted to the Village Manager for review. Once the Village Manager reviewed all department budgets, the draft budgets were presented to the Village Council at noticed workshops for further discussion.

Finally, the Village Council, in compliance with the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) Act, established the property tax rate (millage) required to fund the budget and adopted the final budget by resolution. When the Village adopts its annual budget, it determines the tax rate (sometimes called the "millage rate") that must be applied on property in order to generate the necessary revenue (in addition to all other sources that are available) in order to run the Village of Tequesta, that is, to pay its bills. The tax rate for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016 is 6.2920, the same as the previous year.

A copy of the budget summary is below. The Village of Tequesta encourages all its residents to be involved in this very important process each year.

BUDGET SUMMARY								
VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA - FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016								
*THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA ARE 14.7% MORE THAN LAST YEARS TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.								
General fund	6.2920							
ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	WATER UTILITY	REFUSE & RECYCLING	STORMWATER UTILITY	SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	
Taxes:	Millage Per \$1000							
Ad Valorem Taxes	6.2920	5,628,900					5,628,900	
Sales and Use Taxes		1,186,100					1,186,100	
Franchise Fees		456,000					456,000	
Licenses and Permits		409,000					409,000	
Intergovernmental Revenues		860,800		5,000			865,800	
Charges for Services		1,097,250	4,541,050	485,000	325,000		6,448,300	
Miscellaneous Revenues		566,500	12,000				578,500	
Intragovernmental Services		550,350					550,350	
Unrestricted Investment Earnings		8,500	8,500		1,000		18,000	
Other Financing Sources		163,300	45,310				208,610	
TOTAL SOURCES		\$10,926,700	\$0	\$4,606,860	\$490,000	\$326,000	\$0	\$16,349,560
Transfers In			\$316,800					316,800
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets			\$1,786,590		\$231,550	\$88,000		2,106,140
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES		\$10,926,700	\$316,800	\$6,393,450	\$490,000	\$557,550	\$88,000	\$18,772,500
EXPENDITURES								
General Government		1,867,310						1,867,310
Public Safety		6,383,370				88,000		6,471,370
Physical Environment			316,800	5,119,600	490,000	446,100		6,055,700
Transportation		1,131,230						1,448,030
Leisure Services		649,040						649,040
Debt Service		565,150		548,300				1,113,450
Other Financing Uses		13,800		725,550		111,450		850,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$10,609,900	\$316,800	\$6,393,450	\$490,000	\$557,550	\$88,000	\$18,455,700
Transfers Out		\$316,800						316,800
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets								0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES		\$10,926,700	\$316,800	\$6,393,450	\$490,000	\$557,550	\$88,000	\$18,772,500
TRANSFERS,RESERVES & BALANCES								

The tentative, adopted, and / or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.



New Employee Spotlight

Douglas Chambers
Public Works Superintendent



Doug has a diverse background with over 30 years experience managing projects in the private and public sector. He began his professional career in the heart of New York City in the electrical construction industry. It was there in Manhattan where he obtained his electrical license with the IBEW and a college degree at Empire State College.

He spent the next 23 years building, managing and maintaining some of the largest buildings and construction projects throughout New York City. Some of the highlights of his career include projects at the World Trade Center, Empire State Building, United Nations, Rockefeller Center, Shea Stadium, City Field, JFK and LaGuardia Airports, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), and many more.

In mid 2000, Doug along with his wife and daughter settled in sunny Florida where he transitioned to the public sector working for the City of West Palm Beach Utilities Department as the Operations Coordinator, Utilities Superintendent and eventually the Water Treatment Plant Manager.

Doug is always hard at work, however takes time to enjoy family, friends and his passion for the ocean, boating and the beautiful beaches here in Florida.



TEQUESTA'S 5TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF & BEER TASTING EVENT

November 7th 2015 @ 2PM - 6PM, Paradise Park Tequesta



Proceeds to benefit Honor Flight (25%) an organization that sends WWII veterans to Washington to see their WWII memorial. F.O.P.S., INC. (25%) established to support Tequesta Public Safety Departments. Operation 300 (25%) an organization that hosts adventure camps for children who have lost a parent in Military service and Renewal Coalition (25%) an organization that hosts wounded men and women and their families in Florida at no costs to them. All of these charities are Not-For-Profit organizations.

LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIP

\$250 Bronze 2 Tickets to attend the event. Your company banner on the fence surrounding the event. Company Logo on the Event poster.

\$500 Silver 4 Tickets to attend the event. Your company banner on the fence surrounding the event. 10x10 Tent at the Event to promote your business

\$1,000 Gold 8 Tickets to attend the event. 8-16oz souvenir limited edition beer mugs which may be used at the event. Your company banner on the fence surrounding the event. Company Logo on the Event poster. 10x10 Tent at the Event to promote your business

\$2,500 Palladium 15 Tickets to attend the event. 15-16oz souvenir limited edition beer mugs which may be used at the event. 15-Event Tee shirts. Your company banner on the fence surrounding the event. Company Logo on the Event poster. 10x10 Tent at the Event to promote your business. 1 person placed on the celebrity judge panel to determine chili team winner. 1 person on an Honor flight as a chaperone with a WWII Veteran.

\$5,000 Palladium 20 Tickets to attend the event. 20-16oz souvenir limited edition beer mugs which may be used at the event. 20-Event Tee shirts. Your company banner on the fence surrounding the event. Company Logo on the Event poster. 10x10 Tent at the Event to promote your business. 1 person placed on the celebrity judge panel to determine chili team winner.

Detach and return with your check made payable to: Friends of Public Safety, Inc. P.O. Box 4442, Tequesta, Florida 33469.
For additional information call David at (561) 262-7087. Please respond by July 24th 2015

SPONSOR INFORMATION

(Please attach a business card) Sponsorship Amount: _____
 Contact Name: _____ Ck. No. & Amount: _____
 Address: _____ Business Name: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Open NEW TEQUESTA BUSINESSES

Several new businesses opened in Tequesta over the last quarter, with 5 accepting our invitation to be featured in this issue.

Madaline KB Spa



I'm Ellie Kane, licensed massage therapist since 2003. My clients become family, and 5 years ago I wanted to find a treatment to address people's deeper healing challenges. That is when I discovered Biomagnetism. I experienced sessions that cleared my symptoms from chronic Lyme's Disease and years of antibiotics. I began training in 2013 and have been practicing with much success. This is a safe, complimentary system that addresses the root cause of disease with no side effects. The application of magnets in specific areas of imbalance (due to stress, food, medication, etc) balance the pH and energy in the body so pathogens (viruses, bacteria, parasite fungus) can be eliminated. The treatment is easy and relaxing, most people sleep!

Please call or email for more information: Ellie Kane 561-312-4244. elliekane@yahoo.com; 120 Bridge Road

SeaPort Yacht Services, Inc.



Scheduled yacht maintenance, consulting, marine supply sales and yacht deliveries. 276 River Drive, Tequesta, FL 33469.

Phone Number: Office 561-745-7797, Fax 561-892-0882, Mobile 561-262-4028.

Email address: seaportyacht@me.com

www.seaportyachtservices.com

Facebook: [SeaPort Yacht Services, Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/SeaPortYachtServices)

Cornerstone Landscape Management, Inc.



Cornerstone is a premier landscape management company dedicated to providing landscape services to the community with precision and care. Solution oriented, Cornerstone Landscape has earned highly esteemed loyalty and trust from their clients for consistently providing service second to none! As a family owned and operated company serving Tequesta-Jupiter, Cornerstone Landscape has the priority of placing people first and getting behind the things they are passionate about. Firmly rooted in honesty and integrity, Cornerstone Landscape takes

great pride in providing their clientele with quality service in a timely manner for a reasonable cost. Whether it's new construction, renovation, turf, flowers, trees, plants or irrigation, Cornerstone Landscape offers a proven track record of quality landscape installation and maintenance.

Phone: 561-644-0429 • Austin@cornerstonelandscapell.com • www.cornerstonelandscapell.com

Dream Angels



After 14 years on Indiantown Road, Dream Angels is excited to become part of the Tequesta community! Our metaphysical/spiritual shop offers crystals, candles, oils, herbs, incense, music, jewelry, books (new and used), and loose-leaf teas. Dream Angels

hosts monthly classes on topics like meditation, developing your intuition, using essential oils and herbs, unleashing creativity, and introduction classes on crystals, angel cards, feng shui, and astrology. You'll also find many new and used books on these topics in the shop. We're open Monday – Saturday and the shop owner, Angela Boswell, is currently planning interesting shop events in our new beautiful location.

To find out more about our shop, please visit our website: www.DreamAngelsOnline.com • 128 Bridge Road, Tequesta, FL 33469 • 561-745-9355 events@dreamangelsonline.com • [@thedreamangels](https://www.facebook.com/thedreamangels)

Facebook: Dream Angels Spiritual Shop

Great Eastern Mortgage



David Baker of Great Eastern Mortgage has been giving mortgage advice in the Northern Palm Beaches and Martin County for the past 25 years. Moving our office back over the bridge from Jupiter was an easy decision. Great Eastern Mortgage opened its original office in the Black Glass Building (we called it "Mini Darth Vader Building") in 1991. When our new location at the 222 US Highway 1 right next door became available, we jumped at the chance to return to Tequesta. We strive to give excellent service and the right mortgage program for all your needs. 561-575-7700

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS April 2015 - August 2015

JOINING US

Name	Department	Position	Start Date
Kelley Bonneau	Human Resources	Assistant	5/11/15
Douglas Chambers	Public Works	Superintendent	8/17/15
Joseph Di Norcio	Public Works	Maintenance Worker II	8/24/15
Michael Gallagher	Fire Department	Interm Fire Fighter	8/17/15
Martin Meehan	Water Plant	Operator II	7/1/15
Keith Robinson	Water Production	Electrician	8/17/15
Tyler Topping	Fire Department	Interm Fire Fighter	5/23/15

LEAVING US

Name	Department	Position	Departure Date
Christopher Broedell	Police	Corporal	7/27/15
Charles Burnsed	Fire Rescue	Captain	7/12/15
Kellen Gomberg	Human Resources	HR Technician	7/31/15
Matthew Haluck	Public Works	Supervisor	7/17/15
Gina Lawrence	Building Department	P/T Permit Technician	7/3/15
Jarrett Monde	Fire Rescue	Interim Firefighter	5/11/15



Milestones is a new section in Smoke Signals to announce births, graduations, obituaries, scholarships, Eagle Scouts, retirements, etc. for residents who reside in the incorporated Tequesta. To submit an item for the next issue of Smoke Signals, visit the Smoke Signals page on our website and complete and submit the form to the Clerk's Office.

Philip Bradford received his Master's Degree in International Planning from University College London, UK in October 2014 and began working as a Planner in Portland, Oregon on July 6, 2015. Philip graduated from Jupiter High School in 2008 and from the University of Alabama in 2013 with a BS in Geography, with a specialization in Urban and Regional Planning. Philip is the son of Tom and Verda Bradford.

Deborah Malone Marchant, owner/broker of Tequesta Realty, Inc. since 2004, has been with the company since 1975 and is proud to be celebrating her 40th year as a real estate broker in Tequesta.

Purple Dragon Karate Dojo (PD) recently competed at the 2015 Purple Dragon World Karate Championships in Trinidad where they took 3rd place overall with four Gold, six Silver and five Bronze medals.

Fourteen PD Tequesta students competed with the following nine bringing home medals:

- **Senpai Candia Andrews** (Coach & 3rd degree black belt) 1 Silver-self-defense; 1 Bronze-weapons; 1 Bronze sync weapons
- **Dr. Lorne Stitsky** (1st Degree black belt): 1 Gold- Men's weapons; 1 Bronze- synchronized weapons
- **Katelyn Murphy** (Green Belt): 1 Bronze-forms
- **Daniel Murphy** (Green Belt): 4th place-sparring; 4th place-forms
- **Mario Poverio** (Green Belt): 1 Bronze-sparring
- **Patrick Denison** (Black Belt Instructor): 1 Silver-3 men's team sparring
- **Erik Larson, Sr.** (Red Belt): 1 Gold- sparring; 1 Silver- forms
- **Debra Larson** (Red Belt): 1 Gold-women's weapons; 1 Gold-women's self-defense; 1 Silver-sparring; 1 Silver- forms
- **Matt Vincent** (Yellow Belt); 1 Silver- forms; 1 Silver-sparring

The 3rd Caribbean Martial Arts Hall of Fame recognized teachers, students and parents for their contribution to Purple Dragon International:

- **Shihan Albert Andrews** (Coach): Lifetime Achievement Award
- **Candia Andrews** (Senpai): Senpai of the Year
- **Dr. Lorne Stitsky**: Parent of the Year Male
- **Holly Vincent**: Parent of the Year Female
- Honorable mentions: **Zoe Andrews**, **Erik Larson Jr**, **Lilly-Kate Vincent**, **Milan Tangirala**, **Nicholas Vincent** who competed but did not place.





Village of Tequesta

PARKS & RECREATION

FALL 2015

Van Clans

Sponsored by The Village of Tequesta Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

The Tin Muffin Café



Fees: Lunch + \$12 museum admission

Wednesday, October 15, 2015



Fees: Lunch + cost of ceramic

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

fratelli Lyon Norton Museum of Art

Fees: Lunch + museum admission

Wednesday, December 16, 2015



Shopping at Downtown Stuart

+ more trips in January, February & March

Open to Tequesta residents and non residents
 Tequesta residents: register NOW!
 Non residents: registration begins on September 10.
 Registrants are responsible for paying for food and admission
 Space is limited • Trips subject to change

FOOD TRUCK POW WOW

Enjoy live Music in the Park at the Food Truck Events.



- October 2
- October 23
- November 6
- December 4
- January 22
- February 5
- March 4
- April 1 & 22
- May 6 & 27
- June 3

THE FOOD TRUCK EVENTS WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 2015-JUNE 2015 AT CONSTITUTION PARK FROM 5:00-9:00 PM

Vendor Space Available for \$20.00

Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department for any questions at 561-768-0470.

October 17th Village of Tequesta
COMMUNITY YARD SALE 7 AM - NOON
 Paradise Park
 Rent the Space, Keep the Profits

PARADISE PARK
TEQUESTA FEST
 NOVEMBER 21
 NOON - 5 PM

January 16, 2016
 9 am - 1 pm
 Constitution Park
TEQUESTA FAMILY FITNESS FESTIVAL

MOVIE IN THE PARK
 JANUARY 9, 2016
 GATE OPENS AT 4:30
 SHOW BEGINS AT DUSK

Village Employee Award Recognition

Cpl. Korkowski Nominated for 2015 Gulf Stream Council Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

On Saturday, May 2, 2015, Corporal Korkowski and his wife Eden attended the 2015 Gulf Stream Council Law Enforcement Exploring Recognition Lunch at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens. Corporal Korkowski was nominated along with eight other law enforcement officers from St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach Counties for the 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. This recognition was for an officer who performed distinguished and outstanding service to their departments, community and youth.

Corporal Korkowski has been the driving force behind a number of initiatives involving Tequesta's youth. One of his many accomplishments is his active involvement with putting on the Tequesta Police Department Nautical Club each summer. While another officer won, Corporal Korkowski was in great company among the other nominees.

For the first time in many years, the Village Manager hosted the return of the annual employee recognition program during his August quarterly luncheon. Manager Michael Couzzo honored three exemplary employees who were nominated by their peers and the fourth was selected by himself. A neutral awards selection committee comprised of Police Chief Elg, Fire Chief Weinand and Assistant Police Chief Ricciardi reviewed the nomination submittals and made selections based on traits and examples provided.

The 2015 award winners were:

Village Manager's Award – Renee Rebecchi, Water Utilities Customer Service



The Village Manager presented the Manager's Award to Renee Rebecchi for her commitment and dedication to the Village, excellence in job performance, service to the public as well as to co-workers, and for her positive and helpful attitude.

Manager Couzzo stated, "Renee has a unique quality 'to make it a little bit better'. She always has an upbeat, welcoming smile and greeting, and is constantly pleasant and willing to help others." He explained Renee often offers a simple wink of encouragement – a gesture without words, which extends a message of, "Don't worry, it will be fine." He explained her positive attitude helps him, "Stand a little taller." The Manager thanked Renee for genuinely making a difference and told her, "The little bit more you bring everyday does not go unnoticed."

Excellence Award – Debra Telfrin, Executive Assistant to the Manager



Debra was nominated by numerous staff members for her positive attitude, patience, and compassion. She has a matchless ability to address residents, council and staff with a calm and patient demeanor that consistently ends with a positive solution. She lends a patient ear to residents and provides sound advice and action to remedy situations. Deb consistently goes the extra mile even if it means having to work extra hours, make additional phone calls, or come in and work on a weekend – unpaid.

Debra has the ability to approach the most difficult situations with an encouraging attitude and in most cases is able to resolve issues in a friendly and efficient manner. She provides exceptional internal and external customer service and displays a level of patience and fortitude that is second to none.

Leadership Award – Lori McWilliams, MMC, Village Clerk (Admin Public Information Officer)



Lori was nominated due to her organizational skills, follow through, and take-charge attitude. She is able to see a project through to successful completion with proper delegation to others, including herself. She embraces a "can do" attitude and goes above and beyond in just about everything she does. She is always available and often appears to never sleep as almost anything you send her gets an immediate response regardless of the day of week or hour of the day.

Initiative Award – Greg Corbitt, Director of Parks and Recreation



Greg received numerous nominations due to his resourcefulness, creativity, and get-up-and-go. He remains connected to the residents and makes sure they receive the VOT (Village of Tequesta) "VIP" treatment. His staff acknowledged that he embodies the spirit of resourcefulness that every employee wants in a department head, and is always receptive to the input of residents.

Please join me in congratulating the above award winners as well as the entire Village of Tequesta staff on a job well done.

Police Chief Christopher Elg advances to the rank of Chief Petty Officer

Police Chief Christopher Elg will be advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer (CPO) in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve effective September 1, 2015. CPOs are addressed as "Chief" so his new title will be nothing new.



For the uninitiated, CPOs are the highest ranking enlisted members of the sea services (Coast Guard and Navy), and have full-time roles as supervisors of lower-ranking enlisted personnel. Aboard ships, commissioned officers depend on the "Chiefs" to ensure the ships run efficiently.

In addition to having a rank, each USCG member has a rate (job). There are sonar technicians, cooks and weapons experts. Chief Elg has been a Special Agent in the US Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) for the last seven years. CGIS is Coast Guard's equivalent to NCIS (Chief Elg being a far better investigator than his TV counterpart Mark Harmon). As a CGIS Agent Chief Elg has had a number of important assignments. He has served on protective service duty for the Commandant of the US Coast Guard on numerous occasions. Several years ago he assisted the FBI and the Alaska State Troopers in the investigation of a double homicide at a remote USCG installation in Alaska.

Chief Elg has been dedicated to the law enforcement mission on sea and land, in the military as a CGIS Agent and in his civilian career as a State Trooper up to his current position as the Chief of Police for the Village of Tequesta.

"It has been an honor to not only serve my community but to also be able to serve this great nation as a member of the United States Coast Guard."

Alan Chertok
Administrative Specialist, Tequesta Police Department
Lieutenant Commander, Ret., U.S. Navy

SCAMS TARGET YOU PROTECT YOURSELF

The Tequesta Police Department urges our residents to be aware of a fast growing trend of the use of credit and debit card skimming devices being used at gas pumps to steal your financial information along with your hard earned money. It is one of the fastest growing electronic fraud crimes in the United States.

The Tequesta Police Department has detected and seized two skimmers from area gas stations in just the last month.

The Tequesta Police Department encourages gas station owners in the Village to regularly check their pump for any signs of tampering and to employ every preventive measure possible to decrease the chance of a customer becoming a victim.

We strongly encourage our residents to take a few moments to review the recommendations listed below to help minimize the risks posed by these devices. If anyone sees something unusual please report it to the gas station employee on duty. If the business is within the Village of Tequesta please to notify us at (561) 768-0500. We want to prevent crime before it occurs and your help is instrumental in the prevention effort.

How to minimize risks posed by debit and credit card skimmers

Credit card skimmers that thieves install behind the swipe mechanism inside the gas pump can copy the account data from the magnetic stripe on the back of your card, along with your PIN if you enter it on the keypad for a debitcard transaction (see Exhibit A).

- Use a credit card rather than a debit card at the gas pump.
- If you must use a debit card, never type in your PIN. Instead, select the option on the screen that allows you to have your debit card purchase processed as a credit card transaction.
- Monitor your bank and credit card accounts regularly to spot unauthorized charges or cash withdrawals & report them immediately.
- Look for tamper-evident stickers (see Exhibit B). Criminals usually infiltrate credit card mechanisms through the front panel of gas pumps. They implant devices internally, which then captures the credit card information from within once a customer swipes their card.
- When in doubt, use cash (or go to another gas station). While credit cards lend convenience, if a situation just does not feel right, go with your instincts and just use cash. I save the hassle of disputing a credit charge in the future and eliminates the risk of putting yourself at risk of long-term credit damage.



Exhibit A



Exhibit B

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