



Spring 2016

SMOKE SIGNALS

VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA NEWSLETTER

FIRE CHIEF WEINAND RETIRES AND NEW CHIEF MEDINA HIRED

REWIND...

In October 1993, after an overwhelming vote of support from the residents, Tequesta Fire-Rescue opened its doors and began responding to the fire and medical emergencies of Tequesta. Chief Jim Weinand, hired on April 26th, 1993 had five months to put the entire department together single-handedly. What began as a way to control



Chief Jim Weinand

rising costs as well as maintain control over the operation of the Fire Department ended up 23 years later as one of the most successful Fire Departments in the area. That success is measured in controlling costs, maintaining operational control and maybe, most importantly, providing a level of fire protection and medical care second to none.

One of Chief Weinand's many achievements was to start and remain on the cutting edge of medical technology. Tequesta Fire Rescue was among the first to use 12-Lead EKG's, IV Nitro, advanced medications, automatic CPR devices and much more. In an article on the "Safest Place in Palm Beach County to Have a Heart Attack" Dr. Michael Collins, Director of the Emergency Room at Jupiter Medical Center said "I have worked with the men and women of Tequesta Fire-Rescue for many years and I can assure you that their care is second to none. Over the years we have worked hand in hand with their Paramedics on many new advancements in Emergency Medicine and their care is equal to or better than any agency in this county."

Peter Allen, Public Information Officer had a chance to sit down and speak with Chief Weinand for a few minutes and these are his thoughts. What is your proudest moment? "I think my proudest moment is now. I think we've been very successful. We've got some strong people who work here. When Chief Medina interviewed he went to Chief Collins of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. Chief Collins said "Whatever they're doing, keep doing it, because it's working. It's a model agency to follow." I think that pretty much sums it up, and; of course, becoming a father!"

Do you have any regrets? "I do have just one. Early in my career I responded to a T-Bone crash, then crawled into the mangled wreckage to find a 17-year old girl pinned inside. I made her look me in the eyes and I promised her

that everything was going to be okay and that I would get her out of there. Within two minutes, even before the extrication began, she died in my arms due to internal bleeding. My regret was making that promise and not being able to follow through. I never made that promise again."

What would you like the residents to know? "My work here is done. This department is running like a well-oiled machine. It's in great shape with experienced and highly trained personnel. They have the education and equipment needed to carry out their mission. With the recent equipment enhancements and upgrades, along with our funding mechanisms that are in place, this department is well situated for years to come."

Thank you Chief Weinand. Thank you for making this all work. Thank you for making each of us become a better person and a better firefighter. Thank you for creating one of the premier departments in Palm Beach County.

Enjoy your wife, your life, your family and your retirement, you've earned it!

FORWARD...

After an exhaustive search for a new Fire Chief to replace retiring Chief Jim Weinand, the selection committee recommended Hollywood Division-Chief Chief Joel Medina to take over the reins. Chief Medina has been employed by Hollywood Fire-Rescue for 23 years, starting as a firefighter/paramedic and working his way up through the ranks gaining experience and education. Chief Medina holds a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and a Master's Degree in Executive Management. He has functioned as Battalion Chief, managing Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Training Division. He has also been the Division Chief of Administration and Logistics and is leaving Hollywood as the Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services and Fire Training. Chief Medina holds many Instructor Certifications and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to Tequesta.

Chief Medina was kind enough to sit down for a few minutes to chat. Mr. Allen had an opportunity to ask him about what brought him to Tequesta and how he sees our Fire Department growing in the future.

What caused you to choose Tequesta Fire-Rescue (TFR) to continue your career? "Tequesta Fire - Rescue is an established, progressive and respected department. During my research into this community and its Fire Rescue Department, those words were continually used to describe this organization. I am fortunate to be entrusted with continuing the legacy that Chief Weinand leaves behind."

What do you see as the Villages major draw?

"I have been told that this is a beautiful community. I have found that those statements understated the warm, inviting, home town feel of The Village of Tequesta. The major draw is most definitely the citizens of Tequesta and the people that serve them."

What do you see as TFR's strengths?

"I believe that greatest asset of any organization is its personnel. Tequesta Fire-Rescue embodies that statement. The strength of this organization is its members, their dedication and willingness to serve their community."

Where do you see room for improvement?

"It is evident that 'improvement' has been the undertone established at Tequesta Fire Rescue. My goal is to continue this organization in that direction, and provide the guidance to carry on the path of excellence and professionalism that currently exists in this Fire Department."

What do you see as your strongest asset?

"My strongest asset, aside from being certified and qualified to assume the role of Fire Chief, is my willingness to learn to be a Tequesta Fire-Fighter and my respect for this department."

What are your long-term goals for TFR?

"I believe that assessing long term goals will come in time. My priority is to become a contributing member of this organization."

How do you describe your leadership style?

"Leadership is a dynamic living thing that grows and is fostered through an individual's success and challenges in their career and throughout life. I would describe my leadership style as an eclectic evolution of the many great leaders that I have been fortunate to work with, and the diverse leadership styles I have experienced."

What would you like to convey to the residents?

"I am honored to serve as their Fire Chief. I am committed and dedicated to the citizens of Tequesta and their community. I am confident I will meet their expectations, and will work diligently to gain their respect and trust."



Chief Joel Medina



Taste and Treasures of Tequesta

Follow Mayor Abby Brennan on the "Tastes and Treasures of Tequesta" as she visits every eating and drinking establishment in the Village of Tequesta. From early morning breakfasts to late night

snacks, Abby will sample food and beverages from Tequesta's unique assortment of cafés, diners, restaurants, caterers, pubs and take-out food vendors.

You can follow the Mayor's weekly progress on the Village's website at www.tequesta.org and Facebook page "Village of Tequesta." Enjoy!

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SGT. PIKE RECEIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMENDATION MEDAL



Sergeant Pike (center) receiving award

On April 19, 2016, Sergeant James Pike received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate from the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Palm Beach Chapter at a luncheon held at the Embassy Suites in West Palm Beach. Several other deserving law enforcement officers from around Palm Beach County were also honored.

The first instance was in July of 2015, when two local teenage boys were reported missing, during a fishing trip aboard their 19-foot boat.

Sergeant Pike immediately responded to the emergency by notifying numerous search and rescue agencies, in addition to launching the VOT Marine Unit. He continued to maintain constant contact with both boys' frantic families. In fact, he went home only to sleep and change his uniform, during the next Seven days.

Eventually, the scope of the search was focused upon areas outside of our community, however there were plenty of leads to be followed up and much work to be done. Sergeant Pike was the face of this investigation and did everything in his power to help both these families through their terrifying ordeal.

The most recent incident occurred on March 6th, 2016 when Sergeant Pike when marine patrol, received a notice of a vessel in distress in the Atlantic Ocean just south of the Jupiter Inlet. Upon his arrival, he observed a small, 14-foot vessel, capsized in the massive breakwater off of Carlin Park. The operators of the vessel were two juveniles who themselves had just rescued a pair of kayakers from the overwhelming 10-foot waves. Sergeant Pike was now faced with the daunting task of rescuing both the juveniles and the kayakers at this point; a total of four people.

Thru the huge, crashing waves, Sergeant Pike expertly maneuvered the marine unit, which at this point had lost one of its engines, making an extremely challenging situation even more treacherous. Ultimately, he was able to rescue all four subjects, due to his quick response, skill level and sheer determination. In the end, all of the boaters were safely escorted back to shore and a potential tragedy was averted.

While Sergeant Pike would say he was only doing his job, Chief Christopher Elg stated he was going above and beyond what we expect him to do. His devotion and dedication to his chosen profession is very apparent in his everyday activities.

Sergeant Pike was joined at the awards luncheon by his wife and Chief Elg.

ABBY BRENNAN RETAINS MAYORAL POSITION FOR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE TERM WHILE RETURNING COUNCIL MEMBERS VINCE ARENA, STEVE OKUN AND FRANK D'AMBRA ARE SWORN IN

Returning Council Members Vince Arena, Steve Okun and Frank D'Ambra were sworn in during the April Council Meeting with Okun and D'Ambra each starting their third terms as Council Members. Vince Arena has served as a Council Member since March 2008 and was reappointed to his sixth consecutive year as Vice-Mayor.

Abby Brennan was reappointed to serve as the Village's Mayor for a fourth consecutive term with numerous local-area elected officials in attendance (Representative Magar, Former Palm Beach County Commissioner Marcus, Jupiter Inlet Colony Mayor Comerford and Commissioner Block, Juno Beach Council Member Ansel, former Tequesta Mayor Pat Watkins and former Tequesta Vice-Mayor Turnquest). Council Member D'Ambra nominated Ms. Brennan and eloquently commented on her commitment stating, "Mayor Brennan has been as strong a voice and advocate in the interests of the Village and on other important issues, as anyone could ask for...Mayor Brennan's leadership, tireless devotion and effective representation of the Village of Tequesta has earned my respect, the respect of this Council and I hope the respect of our community. In my view Brennan has earned the opportunity to continue to serve as the Mayor of the Village."

Mayor Brennan brings a treasure of budgetary knowledge and expertise to the dais and is dedicated to ensuring the community maintains the value of what the Village represents – its charm, small town feel and responsible government. She is actively involved in minimizing the impacts of All Aboard Florida to the Village and is a strong proponent of the US Highway 1 Corridor Improvement Project. She has been the Village's voice, with state legislators, ensuring the Village's needs are first and foremost in their agenda.

Join us as we congratulate Mayor Brennan, Vice-Mayor Arena and Council Members Okun and D'Ambra.



Council Members Frank D'Ambra, Steve Okun & Vince Arena

NEW ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF JIM MCGREW SWORN IN



Assistant Police Chief Jim McGrew and family

On Monday, May 9, 2016 Mr. James McGrew was sworn in as the next Assistant Police Chief for the Village of Tequesta Police Department. Chief McGrew is a former West Monroe, Louisiana Police Department Captain and joins Police Chief Christopher Elg, who himself was Chief of Police in West Monroe from 2004 to 2013, before coming to Tequesta in 2013.

Chief McGrew was one of approximately 50 applicants for the position and was narrowed down to being a finalist last March. He then participated in a day-long interview process before various panels along with the other three finalists vying for the position. "By the end of the day, it was very evident that we had our next Assistant Chief of Police based on the feedback I received from the interviewers" said Chief Christopher Elg.

Assistant Chief McGrew was joined by his wife, Denna, and his children, Ethan and Jenna at his swearing in. They participated by helping pin on his Chief's badge and stars. The swearing in was attended by a number of Village officials, neighboring Chiefs of Police and many of the Village officers.

Soon after being sworn in Chief McGrew stated, "I am excited about the opportunity to serve the Village of Tequesta. I look forward to meeting the residents and working with the many outstanding police officers serving this community."

Assistant Chief McGrew is a 21-year veteran of Louisiana law enforcement and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA. He holds many advanced law enforcement certifications and will soon be given the opportunity to attend several executive level courses to help him in his new position.

Chief Elg considers himself very fortunate to have someone of Chief McGrew's caliber join him in the Village of Tequesta. "Together, along with the hard working men and women of this department, we will continue to enhance the level of service we provide to the community we are all sworn to protect and serve".

Around Town

NEW SIDEWALKS INSTALLED IN THE COUNTRY CLUB

The Public Works Department recently repaired broken sidewalks within the Village by cutting out oak tree roots and replacing with new asphalt.



PUBLIC WORKS INSTALLS LIGHTING

Public Works Department installed four concrete bollard lights on the pedestrian path on Tequesta Drive by Bayview Terrace, to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents.



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, 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 lmccwilliams@tequesta.org.



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED



In November, 2015, the Village received a \$50,000 Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant. The funds were used to purchase additional playground equipment, resurface the basketball court, enhance some of the park's exercise equipment, added synthetic turf in an area of the "big kids" playground, and installed a 6-hole putting green near the preserve area. Greg Corbitt, the Parks and Recreation Director pointed out, "The \$50,000 grant money really went a long way," and added that the putting green was being donated.



Upper Left: Playground, Left: Playground Above: Basketball Court, Upper & Lower Right: Putting Green

TEQUESTA POLICE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE



With Craigslist, Facebook yard sale pages and other online sale websites that allow individuals to sell items in their community, it has become very easy and convenient to sell goods in your home that you no longer need. Sometimes these items can end up being precious jewelry, small electronics, such as smartphones, and even concert tickets. The only downside to the deal is to find a safe place to meet to exchange the goods for money. This can be scary for some, or even downright dangerous.

With this idea in mind, Tequesta Police Department now welcomes anyone to use the main lobby at our Public Safety building located across from the Village Hall at 357 Tequesta Drive, to exchange their goods for money. The lobby is open 24/7 365 and is under camera surveillance.

There have been numerous robberies (some armed and/or strong arm) that have occurred within Florida when a seller goes to meet the alleged buyer to sell his items. The buyer ends up being a criminal that not only robs the victim/seller of the item they were selling, but also takes their personal belongings with them before they flee from the area.

It is the goal of Tequesta Police Department to keep our residents and citizens safe at all times. We believe introducing this program will make it easier and safer for individuals to exchange their items after they have found a buyer.

We highly discourage anyone conducting the exchange of goods at their residence, as this can create a very dangerous situation of allowing someone who might not have the best intentions, access to your home. We recommend small items be brought to the police station lobby where the exchange can be done in a public place with the watch of surveillance cameras.

FLORIDA WATER PROFESSIONALS MONTH



Mayor Abby Brennan officially proclaimed April as Florida Water Professionals Month and presented the water department employees with a Proclamation recognizing their dedication and service to the Village residents. Our water department employees are the life blood for ensuring our water quality is exceptional and top notch.

Open NEW TEQUESTA BUSINESSES

Several new businesses opened in Tequesta over the last quarter, with 6 accepting our invitation to be featured in this issue.

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Mike Gilles Insurance Group



Owner/agent Jim Giacinto is a former 32 year All State Agent in Jupiter/Tequesta. Jim purchased Mike Gilles Ins. Group, a 20 plus year independent agency in Tequesta. We are a full service agency handling all sales, service and claims in our office. We deal with all segments of insurance coverage including home, boat, auto, commercial, commercial auto, umbrella, excel liability and life. Many Florida insurers are barely known startup companies. We encourage clients to call us first with a claim and we help remove any gray area to insure

claims are handled fairly and equitably.
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Clothes Mentor



Clothes Mentor is a gently used women's resale franchise with 138 stores located across 29 states and 50 additional stores coming soon. Unlike consignment where you may wait months to be paid, Clothes Mentor pays you cash immediately for items that meet our store criteria for resale. "We sell a great product giving ladies an opportunity to bring fresh ideas to their wardrobe at a fraction of mall prices", said Tammy Pasqualone who co-owns the store with her husband Jon. "We carry designer and name brand clothing, handbags, shoes and accessories, the inventory changes daily and you can buy at about 70% off of the price you would pay at the mall", said Jon. Clothes Mentor opened in the Tequesta Shoppes in the long time vacant Goodner's Hallmark Store on November 19, 2015. 123 US Hwy 1 North • 561-746-9093 • tequesta@clothesmentorstores.com

EMPLOYEE MOVEMENTS Jan. 2015 - May 2016

JOINING US

Name	Department	Position	Start Date
Luis Aguilar	Fire Rescue	Interim Fire Fighter	5/02/16
Neil Curra	Public Works	Maintenance Worker	3/21/16
Simon Jamason	Water Production	Water Plant Trainee	4/26/16
James McGrew	Police	Asst. Chief of Police	5/9/16
Jennifer Uible	Parks & Recreation	Park Attendant	2/13/16

LEAVING US

Name	Department	Position	Departure Date
Mark Fives	Fire Rescue	Fire Officer	5/18/16
Simon Jamason	Water Production	Water Plant Trainee	5/10/16
Deanna Mayo	Village Clerk	Admin. Coordinator	5/6/16
Martin Meehan	Water Production	Water Plant Operator	2/13/16
Patrick Sargent	Public Works	Maintenance Worker	3/10/16
Evan Solensky	Fire Rescue	Interim Fire Fighter	4/29/16

PET THERAPY DOG CHIBBY SPREADS "CHIBBY CHEER" TO SENIORS



Above: Chibby, Left: Jay with Chibby & Bobo.

One of the fascinating things about cats and dogs is their ability to love unconditionally. Studies have shown that seniors — especially those living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia—benefit from the companionship an animal can bring.

One local man, Jay Hamm, is dedicating his life to making sure senior residents of Tequesta Terrace Assisted Living Facility, as well as those in the surrounding areas are able to enjoy the comfort only an animal can provide.

Tequesta Terrace recognized Jay, and his pet therapy dogs, Chibby (a Catahoula) and Bobo (a Yorkshire Terrier) on April 7 for their dedication to the residents of the facility. The three visit every week to spread "Chibby Cheer".

K-9 Boss Demonstration

Officer Valerio & K-9 Boss along with Officer Waychowsky provided K-9 demonstrations in Juno Beach at the request of the Town of Juno Beach Police Department.



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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS...

Are You Ready?

Hurricane season is right around the corner. The dates for the Atlantic side are between June 1st and November 30th, peaking between early August and late October.

There are some items you should have on hand as you prepare for hurricane season:

- Water to last 3 to 7 days. Plan on 1 gallon a day per person.
- Food to last 3 to 7 days (canned and non perishable)
- First aid kit
- Moisture wipes
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Cash (ATMs might be down or out of money)
- Toys, books and games to pass the time
- Set of everyday tools
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled up
- Pet care items if you have pets

In the case that a hurricane is headed our way, being prepared is the way to go. Unlike an earthquake, we usually know that a hurricane is en-route and there are good estimates on predicted landfall. This can give us time to prepare our houses and put hurricane shutters up. Your shutters should be attached to the structural framing of the house and not the window or door frames.

Palm Beach County has 15 general shelters. They should be used as a last resort. Be sure to know the route to your closest one. Shelters are first come first serve (they are always on limited capability). Make sure to tell a family member that you will be going to a shelter.



HOTLINES FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

- Florida Emergency Information Line (FEIL):
1-800-342-3557
- Florida Volunteer and Donations Hotline:
1-800-FLHELP1 or **1-800-345-3571**
- American Red Cross Information Hotline:
1-866-GET-INFO or **1-866-438-4636**
or visit www.redcross.org
- Salvation Army Donation Hotline:
1-800-996-2769
- Elder Services Hotline:
1-800-963-5337



Driving conditions are horrible after a hurricane and it's highly suggested you stay home until everything is back to normal. Some things to consider:

- **Driving will be extremely hazardous. Traffic signals might be inoperative, or might have fallen off. Flooded roads with downed power lines are not a good combo either. Don't drive unless it's an absolute must.**
- **Do not attempt to drive through flooded roads. You never know how deep it is, and might get your vehicle stuck!**
- **Do not visit disaster areas. Let first responders and utility crews work without interruption.**
- **Obey curfew hours. They are mandatory when in effect and you may be subject to arrest if you do not obey them. They exist for everyone's safety.**

To prepare for possible power outages, you may use a generator to power essential equipment. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- **Never use generators indoors. These devices produce carbon monoxide. Make sure they stay outside of your home. Leaving a window open to air out the room/home with a generator running inside will not prevent CO poisoning.**
- **Never try to power a house by plugging your generator into a wall outlet. This can seriously injure utility workers or a neighbor that shares a transformer with you. This is called "backfeeding".**
- **All the fuel for the generator should be stored outside. Do not store any of the flammable liquids inside your home, or near the generator. A small spark can start a large fire.**

General post storm safety:

- If you have a radio capable of listening to the NOAA weather channels, make sure to tune in.
- Flashlights are much better than candles. Much less chance of a fire after power loss.
- If a road has been closed off, try another route. Don't try to go through it. You will get stuck and we will have to stop our efforts to come and rescue you instead.
- Standing water might be electrically charged from power lines. Do not step into standing water.
- Do not drink or prepare food with the tap water until it is safe to do so.
- If you feel that your building is not safe, contact a contractor or an engineer.
- Check for water and sewage damage in your home.
- Open up your windows and doors so your house can ventilate if water has intruded.

Don't forget police and fire will be working around the clock with utility contractors so we can bring everything back to normal as fast and safely as we can. You can reach us anytime by calling 9-1-1 or (561) 768-0500. During a hurricane, use 911 only for life threatening situations.



3 - three week sessions
Registrant must sign up for a session or more, weekly rates not offered.

Session 1 - June 13-July 1
Session 2 - July 4-July 22
Session 3 - July 25-August 12

AGES 5-12 YEARS OLD

JUNE 13- AUGUST 12, 2016

Camp Hours: 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Fees

Residents:

\$360 per session, plus daily activity fees

Non residents:

\$385 per session, plus daily activity fees

Discounts:

\$25 one time sibling discount
(MUST be siblings)

Payment options:

Pay 100% at time of registration or
Pay 50% at time of registration and
remainder is due June 6.

Age Groups

Mockingbirds 5-6 year olds

Flamingos 7-9 year olds

Gators 10-12 year olds

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more information at:
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SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday, November 19th 2016



GIVE US A BRAKE!



Resident, Austin Nuquist who lives in the Country Club Community, contacted the Village Manager, Councilman Paterno, and public works with the idea of changing the design of the "Slow Children at Play" road signs and designing a banner to hang on the poster boards. Collaboratively, along with Brad Gombert, IT manager, we came up with the "Give us a Brake Sign. We applaud Austin's vision and determination in bringing these ideas to the Village. Austin, who works with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, has lived in Tequesta his entire life and has seen a surge of young families and children here in the village.

TEQUESTA POLICE NAUTICAL CLUB



The Nautical Club is being hosted by the Tequesta Police Department. The club's mission is to educate children and teens about boating safety and marine activities. The Nautical Club would like to provide a positive interactive experience between law enforcement officers and the young boating community.

Club activities include: pool day, boating safety education, snorkeling, boat operation & navigation, fishing education on gear and regulations, bottom fishing trip, marine life center, paddle boarding, tours, and a picnic.

AGES: 12 - 17 Years Old

DATES: June 11, 2016 through August 13, 2016

TIMES: Saturday 9AM - 3PM (Some days will change due to activities)

REGISTRATION STARTS JUNE 2, 2016

5:00PM-7:00PM LIMIT: 13-CHILDREN TOTAL

To register please contact Corporal R. Korkowski at (561) 768-0545

BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS



**May was
Building Safety
Month...
this year's
theme...**

"BUILDING CODES: DRIVING GROWTH THROUGH INNOVATION, RESILIENCE AND SAFETY"

Over the past thirty-six years, members of the International Code Council (ICC), have celebrated the overwhelming advances in constructing safe, affordable, resilient buildings and homes. Support for Building Safety Month and the importance of the role Building Officials play in public safety in the built environment comes from the President of the United States, governors, mayors, and construction industry professionals. Building Safety Month helps promote public safety and awareness demonstrated how building codes improve and protect the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play.

Communities need building codes to protect citizens from such disasters as, hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes, earthquakes, and structural collapse. Today, society's best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, and the places where we work, are through adoption of modern building codes. Building Officials work diligently every day to keep the public safe. Building Safety Month is a celebration of those aspects of building safety that help families, employers, and leaders understand and appreciate the best practices that keep places where we live, work and play, safe.

US Census Bureau data indicates there are almost 77 million baby boomers; representing close to one-fourth of the total estimated U.S. population. Many baby boomers are actively making decisions as to where they will live, once they retire. According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), almost 90 percent of the population above fifty years of age intend to remain in their current homes for as long as possible. As the population ages, every interior environment; private, commercial, and public will undoubtedly become affected.

Building codes consist of the minimum requirements for designing and constructing buildings, and are based on science that involves research in many different areas. Research from experts help ensure every phase of the construction process is done correctly, including flood proofing, fire-resistance, structural strength, wind design, sustainability, safe drinking water, airflow, and energy efficiency. It is important that communities adopt modern building codes; so that new construction, remodeling, and repair of existing buildings may benefit from the science behind the building codes.

The biggest investment most people ever make is when they buy a home. Homes represent security; a place where people live, raise their families, and share life's moments. Following building codes during construction, helps protect health, safety, and that investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced, and insurers may not cover work completed without permits and inspections.

Invest wisely in your home or remodeling project. It's a smart investment to build and remodel your home to the latest codes. By following modern code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners, plus you'll benefit from the very latest energy efficiency construction techniques that will continue to pay you back for the life of your home.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE SUBJECT, CONTACT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT 561-768-0450.