

# Harbour HIGHLIGHTS

City of Indian Harbour Beach

MAY/JUNE 2024

## NEW BUTTERFLY GARDEN IN GLEASON PARK



Over the last few months, the Indian Harbour Beach Public Works Department and the Indian Harbour Beach Garden Club have been working on building the beautiful butterfly garden that is now in Gleason Park.

The garden includes many Florida native pollinator plants, including Kiss Me Quick, Creeping Sage, Marlberry, Coontie, Scorpion-tail, Giant Leopard, Painted Leaf, and Milkweed. Each attracts butterflies, caterpillars, bees, birds, and other pollinators by providing them with sustainable food sources and a hospitable environment.

In May, the City and the Garden Club was recognized by Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB), a local organization whose mission is to "develop, motivate, educate and activate community partners to reduce litter, recycle, beautify, and sustain the environment for the benefit of Brevard County." The garden received signs from KBB to put in the garden and spoke at the Indian Harbour Beach Garden Club's most recent meeting, where they talked about the importance of community groups and local government partnerships, exclaiming how the Butterfly Garden is a fantastic example of a successful community lead beautification project.

**CITY COUNCIL**

**Mayor**  
**Scott Nickle**  
**698-2614**

**Deputy Mayor**  
**Frank Guertin**  
**604-7217**

**Council Member**  
**Hamilton Boone**  
**795-3210**

**Council Member**  
**Adam Dyer**  
**543-9561**

**Council Member**  
**Shauna Hume**  
**795-4127**

**CITY COUNCIL NEWS****City Council Meeting - March 12, 2024**

## Council:

- Recognized and thanked Fire Chief Todd Scaldo for his 19 years of service as Fire Chief.
- Swore in Fire Chief David Lewis.
- Approved the February 27, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Approved the agreement for the Indian Harbour Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to continue their maintenance of the memorial adjacent to Fire Station No. 56.
- Adopted Resolution No. 751 clarifying that alternate members of the Tree Preservation Board shall serve at the pleasure of City Council for indefinite terms until they are appointed to voting membership positions or resign.
- Appointed Anastasia Doshna, Neil Yorio, Lu Crews, Adam Lucey, Susan Ruimy, and alternates Patricia Ferguson and Jelena Salolina to the Tree Preservation Board.
- Accepted the FY23 audit engagement letter from Berman Hopkins CPA & Associates, LLP and authorized Mayor Nickle to sign the acknowledgment page.

**City Council Meeting - April 9, 2024**

## Council:

- Approved the March 12, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Agreed to schedule the Fiscal Year 25 fee schedule and enhanced employee benefits workshop for June 11, 2024 at 5:30 PM
- Agreed to cancel the November 12, 2024 Council meeting and shift the November 26, 2024 meeting to Tuesday, November 19, 2024.
- Agreed the City entrance signs were in good shape and didn't need to be changed.
- Approved change order # 5 for the old police department renovation project in the amount of \$5,369.73 for unforeseen concrete removal and replacement.
- Denied change order #7 for additional supervisory costs associated with change order #5 at a cost of \$4,441.88 for the old police department renovation project.
- Approved change order # 3 to the contract with Jobear Contracting, Inc for the extension of utilities to the site of the planned pre-fabricated restroom building at Gleason Park.
- Recommended that only one member of Council accompany City Manager Coffey to an upcoming meeting with DEP in Tallahassee.
- Agreed to proceed with the second-floor upgrades including electronic access doors and bullet resistant receptionist wall/window and not to proceed with the Council dais hardening project.
- Confirmed the City Manager's alterations to the FY24 approved purchase of police vehicles.
- Adopted the proposed revised City Personnel Policies Manual.

**City Council Meeting - April 23, 2024**

## Council:

- Issued the Women's Lung Health Week and Municipal Clerk's Week proclamations.
- Approved the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes.
- Agreed to move the scheduled FY25 fee schedule and enhanced employee benefits workshop from June 11, 2024 to July 9, 2024 at 5:30 PM
- Approved first reading Ordinance No. 2024-01 increasing revenues and expenditures within the General fund & Stormwater Utility Fund.



## CITY COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED...

- Agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the use of electric bicycles ridden by children on City streets & sidewalks.
- Agreed to hire an architect to look at options to install a powered ADA compliant door opener at the front of City Hall.
- Accepted the resignation of Lu Crews from the Tree Preservation Board.
- Appointed Patricia Ferguson to the unexpired voting member position of the Tree Preservation Board, and authorized staff to solicit for resumes for the newly created vacant alternate position.
- Agreed to authorize the use of up to \$50,000.00 in City Manager's Contingency to fund needed repairs & renovations at Fire Station #56 to include a new roof and updates to the office and bathroom.
- Agreed to hold a workshop to discuss the noise issue at Tide and Tonic restaurant and ask the owners to present a plan on how the issue will be addressed.

## FY 25-29 CIP

The FY25 Proposed Budget will cumulate a two-year initiative that shifts from the City's previous model, which only incorporated projections and plans for next year's budget, to an expanded five-year methodology, which includes a detailed first-year budget and a list of requested capital and non-capital projects that the City plans to pursue over the four years after.

The table to the left reflects the City's planned spending on capital projects over the subsequent years, providing a snapshot for City Council and staff to refer to during the budgetary process.

### Capital Improvement Projects

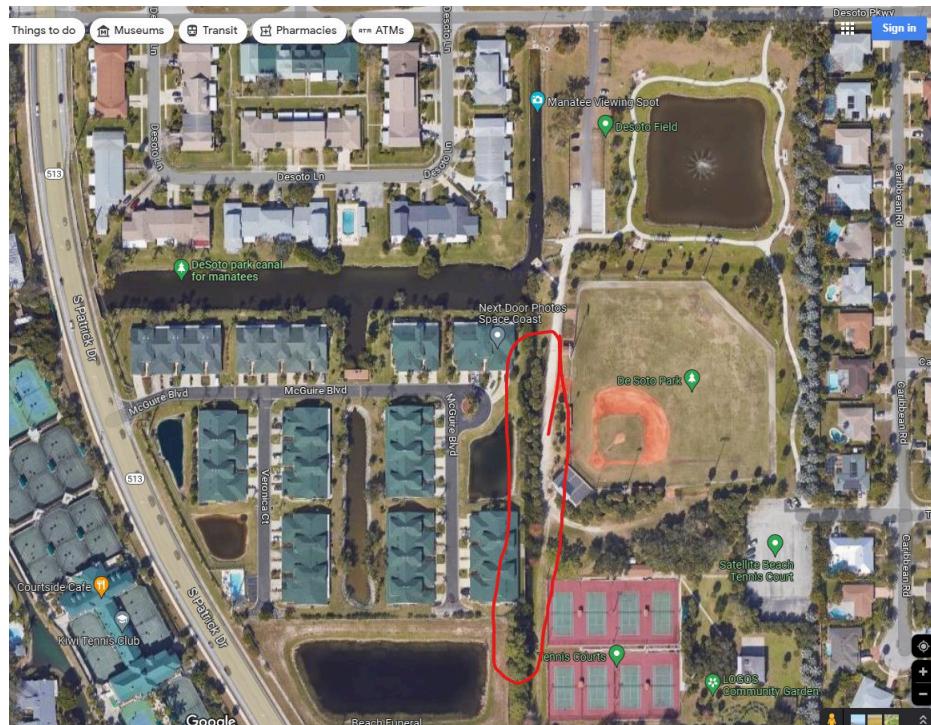
| Fiscal Year   | Number     | Cost              |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|
| 25            | 29         | 2,359,700         |
| 26            | 34         | 2,344,260         |
| 27            | 17         | 7,146,700         |
| 28            | 25         | 7,432,280         |
| 29            | 21         | 2,211,270         |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>21,494,210</b> |

## PERMITTED MANGROVE REMOVAL

Indian Harbour Beach is doing a permitted mangrove removal in the Desoto Park Stormwater Canal. The removal is approved by both the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC). In addition, the project will be overseen by a FDEP certified professional mangrove trimmer (PMT) and licensed arborist to ensure that the removal is done safely and correctly with minimal disturbance to the local wildlife, vegetation, and environmental ecosystem.

The reason for the permitted mangrove removal is due to their growth into the Desoto Park Stormwater Canal. The mangroves currently obstruct the flow of water in the canal reducing the effectiveness and efficiency of our stormwater drainage systems increase the City's vulnerability to damaging flooding.

Should you have any questions reach out to Indian Harbour Beach City Hall at (321) 773-3181 or email Management Analyst Orrie Covert at [ocovert@indianharbour.org](mailto:ocovert@indianharbour.org).



## IHB 2023 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

This year the City of Indian Harbour Beach named Bryan Foster as the City's 2024 Employee of the Year. Bryan works as the Communications Supervisor at the Indian Harbour Beach Police Department and has been with the City for 33 years. However, Bryan's contributions to the department and City has far exceed his title. Bryan has proven that he is an invaluable member of staff by being instrumental in assisting the IT department, by training and overseeing the development of new communication officers, and by always innovating and improving the PD's communication department with useful equipment and software. We are lucky to have him as part of the Indian Harbour Beach team.



## SHARK IN THE PARK



### Shark in the Park is BACK! The name of this event is a true story!

In June of 2014, a three-and-a-half foot bull shark was discovered in the lake at Gleason Park! This was quite a spectacle and drew coverage from local and national news agencies. Crowds gathered at our park over the excitement of catching the shark (lovingly named Sushi) and relocating it back to the Indian River.

The Shark in the Park 5K takes place on the anniversary of the capture and release of Sushi. To commemorate the 10th anniversary of this exciting day in our city, we are bringing back the ever-popular 5K. This year the race will run start at Gleason Park and run through our city on June 22nd at 7:30am. Residents on the race course are encouraged to come out and cheer on the runners, cool them off with your water hose if you'd like.

If you are a business interested in becoming a sponsor of the 5K or just a runner/walker that loves to run/walk and support local races, we look forward to seeing you. You can contact the Race Director at [kcusimano@indianharbour.org](mailto:kcusimano@indianharbour.org), the race sign-ups will be available on [runningzone.com](http://runningzone.com) or at the IHB Recreation Center.

## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

The City of Indian Harbour Beach would like to welcome two of our newest employees, Administrative Assistant Nikki Gold and Aquatics Facility Supervisor Laura Harting.

Nikki Gold, the City's new Administrative Assistant, is originally from Northeastern Illinois but has been a Florida resident for the last 10 years. She has a daughter, two stepsons, and three grandchildren who all live up north. Nikki enjoys going to the beach, camping, reading, and spending time with family. She's worked in local government for the last seven years and is currently pursuing a degree in Public Administration.

We also welcome Laura Harting the new Aquatics Facility Supervisor. Laura is originally from Ohio and moved to Florida in 2021. She swam for all 4 years of college and has continued as a coach at the collegiate level for the last 7 years. Laura has passionately been working in Aquatics since she was 19! Most recently, she spent the last 3 years working at Florida Tech as the Assistant Swim Coach and Aquatics Director. When she's not at the pool Laura enjoys baking, running, and reading.

## LIVESTREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS COMING JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>

On December 12, 2023, the City Council voted to implement livestreaming of Council meetings and workshops. Staff has completed their testing and will post more information on the website and Facebook page as we get closer to our go live date on June 11th. Residents will then be able to watch public meetings and workshops live and watch archived meeting videos on the City's new YouTube channel.

## FERTILIZER BAN REMINDER

It's that time of year again! From June 1st to September 30th it is against the law to apply fertilizer to your lawn. This regulation is due to the harmful nutrients found in fertilizer and prevents the washing of these harmful nutrients from lawns into storm drains and ultimately into the Indian River during the rainy summer months.



## SCTPO ARTICLE

Remember to:

**Slow Down** and obey the speed limit, as it gives you more time to react and reduces the severity of an impact in case of an accident.

**Avoid Distractions**, while driving focus solely on the road to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

**Always Plan Ahead**, that way you always have enough time to reach your destination without feeling rushed.

**Designate a Driver**, if you've been drinking, or plan to, make sure you have a safe plan to get home and never drive while intoxicated.

**Buckle Up**, seat belts are your best defense in the event of a crash.

**Be Patient**, when dealing with traffic congestion, and avoid aggressive driving.

**Support Community Initiatives**, these help to promote responsible driving habits and improve pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure for the safety of everyone.



## INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH RECREATION CENTER

1233 Yacht Club Boulevard—Pre-registration is necessary for all classes. (321) 773-0552

### Swimming Pool Information

The City of Indian Harbour Beach swimming pool will begin its summer hours on Monday, June 3. Annual pool memberships are available for families or individuals. Daily fees for IHB residents are \$1.50 for youth (under 18) and \$2.50 for adults. Non-resident daily fees are \$3 for youth and \$4 for adults. Please keep in mind that during the fall/winter/spring months there are usually lanes available for lap swimming during General Swim time. However, for the summer months this is generally very limited..

### Summer Pool Hours

|                    |                             |                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Lap Swimming | Monday - Friday             | 5:30 AM – 9:00 AM |
| Swim Classes       | POOL CLOSED                 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
| General Swimming   | Monday & Wednesday          | 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM |
| General Swimming   | Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM |
| Adult Lap Swimming | Monday & Wednesday          | 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM |
| Adult Lap Swimming | Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM |
| Family Swim        | Tues, Thurs, Fr, Sat & Sun  | 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM |

## **LIST OF CONTINUOUS CLASSES, ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND CLUBS**

Please check with the office for beginning session dates; several programs have seasonal times and/or brief periods of inactivity. Pre-registration may be necessary for classes. Please call 773-0552.

**AARP:** Chapter 1413: Meets the first Friday of each month, 11 AM – 2 PM

**AQUAFIT:** Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM This class is \$4 per class, but is being paid in full at the beginning of the month at this time. Call Johnette at (321)777-8910 for class availability. **Time change to 7:45 AM starting JUNE 5.**

**BELLYDANCING:** Tuesdays 6:30 PM, \$100/10-week session. Contact Jacqueline at [nadirahjohara@gmail.com](mailto:nadirahjohara@gmail.com) for class info. New session starts April 4.

**BONE BUILDERS PROGRAM:** Exercise program for 55 years and up. Designed to combat osteoporosis. Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:00 AM – 10:15 AM The Bone Builders Exercise Program is offered free of charge. Medical clearance is required.

**FIT FOR MOM:** Mondays 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Stroller Strides in the Park. Please contact Rebekah for more information and cost. Rebekahcoates@fit4mom.com.

**GENTLE YOGA:** Tuesdays 10 AM – 11 AM. \$5 per class. Contact Gina at 321-536-4175 for more information.

**INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH GARDEN CLUB:** Third Wednesday of the month, 10 AM, Community Services Center.

**KARATE CLASSES:** Ages 5 to adults – Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced – Mondays, Wednesdays; \$50 per month. sempai. [bach@fournierdojo.com](mailto:bach@fournierdojo.com) for more information.

**SOCER SHOTS:** director-brevard@soccershots.org or 321-704-5999

**SPACE COAST MASTERS SWIM TEAM** (ages 19 – adults): Saturdays, 7 AM – 10 AM.

**SPANISH & JAPANESE CLASSES:** Please contact Monsie: [wmonsie@yahoo.com](mailto:wmonsie@yahoo.com) for next scheduled class.

**TAI CHI:** Wednesdays 6:30 AM – 7:45 PM. Beginner friendly \$10/ per class. Contact: Leah Williamson [www.beachsideqigong.com](http://www.beachsideqigong.com).

**ZUMBA:** Thursdays, 6:30 AM– 7:30 PM, \$5/ per class

**ZUMBA GOLD Low Impact Zumba:** Thursday 9 AM - 10 AM, \$5/per class. Contact Rochelle at 321-233-4664 for more information

**THE RECREATION CENTER OFFICE IS OPEN**

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY – 9 AM TO 5 PM.**

## DID YOU KNOW

The Charter is the City's Constitution. The Charter has 18 Articles, each with their own specific purpose and area, which, as a collective, dictate the rules, regulations, and other means by which the City operates. The 18 Articles include City Boundaries, City Powers, Nuisances, City Council, Elections & Recall, City Manager, Franchises, Real Estate Taxes, City Attorney: Appointment & Qualifications; Creation of New Departments or Offices; Change of Duties, Independent Annual Audit, City Clerk & City Comptroller, Police Department, Fire Department, Budget, Planning & Zoning, General & Miscellaneous Provisions and Separability & Repeal of Conflict.

The Article on the City Council includes 15 Sections. The sections are 1) General powers & duties, 2) composition & qualifications, 3) terms of office, 4) Mayor & Deputy Mayor, 5) Compensation for Council Members, 6) Prohibitions, 7) Forfeiture of office, 8) vacancies, 9) judge of qualifications, 10) council meetings, 11) council quorum and rules, 12) subject of ordinances & resolutions, 13) emergency ordinances, 14) adoption of ordinances & resolutions, 15) codes of technical regulations.

The only way the Charter can be changed is through a vote of the people. The last time the Charter was changed was back in 2022 which changed the Council terms of office from three (3) years to four (4) year terms.

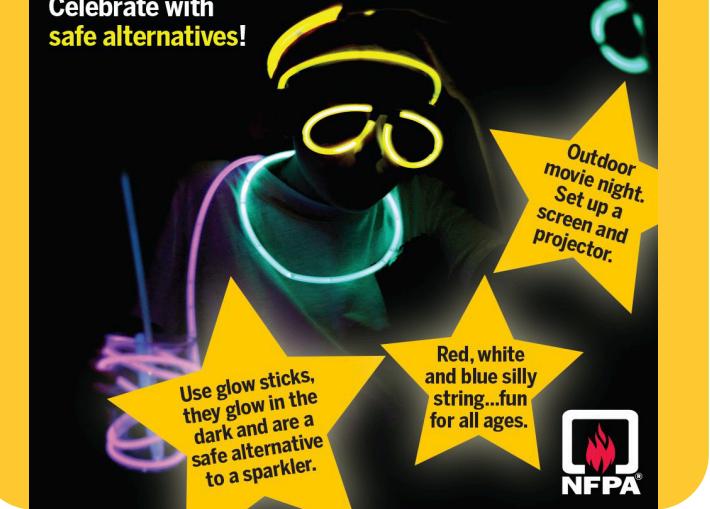


## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

**Tide & Tonic**  
1940 Florida A1A,  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

**Sakura 777**  
1413 South Patrick Dr. Unit 4,  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

**FIREWORKS** start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the Emergency Room each year in the US. Don't be a statistic. Celebrate with safe alternatives!



## SATELLITE LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

**Speedy Saturday Walking Book Club** Friends of the Satellite Beach Library - May Book Sale Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Support your local library with your book and media purchases. Payment by cash or check only. Prices vary.

**One-on-One Basic Tech Help** Thursday mornings by appointment. 30-minute session. Register with Reference staff.

**Tea Time Book Club** Monday, 6/24, 1 PM. Reading The Wishing Game by Meg Shaffer in June. No meeting in May.

**Satellite Beach Woman's Club Book Discussion** Friday, 5/10 & 6/14, 12 PM. Bring a book you want to talk about and a bag lunch.

**Master Gardener Clinic** Mondays in May, 10 AM - 12 PM in the Lobby. No meeting May 27. Bring your gardening questions and plant problems.

**Matinee Movies** Monday, May 13 & June 10: 1:00 PM. Watch movies for free at the library! Refreshments provided. Watching Where the Crawdads Sing in May. June movie TBA.

**Beachside Strummers** 2nd & 4th Fridays, 9:30 AM - 11 AM. Ukulele club. No meetings in November.

**Moonlighters Quilting Group** Monday, May 13 and June 10: 5:30 PM. Making button flowers in May and coloring fabric blocks for a donation quilt in June. Free and all materials provided.

### Adult Game Night

Monday, 5/20 & 6/17, 6 PM - 7:30 PM. Games TBD.

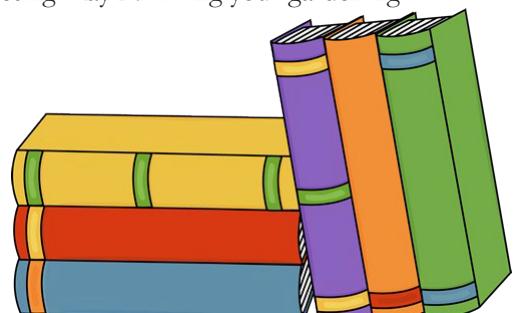
### Youth Programming

**Teen Tuesdays** Tuesdays, 6 PM. Ages 13 to 17. Call for schedule, activity & registration details.

**Junior Builders Club** 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 3:30 PM. Brick building challenge. Ages 5 to 12. All materials provided. No registration required.

**Cinemania – Movies at the Library!** Thursdays, 3 PM. Recommended for ages 5+. Call for schedule & movie details.

**Read to a Therapy Dog** 3rd Saturday, 1 PM & 1:30 PM Space Coast Therapy Dogs. Ages 5 to 12. Registration REQUIRED one week prior to the event.



### Satellite Beach Public Library

751 Jamaica Blvd. Satellite Beach  
32937

Phone: 321-779-4004

Operating Hours:

Mondays: 9 AM – 8 PM

Tuesdays: 12 PM – 8 PM

Wednesday – Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Closed on Sundays



**CITY OF INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH**  
2055 South Patrick Drive  
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

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## CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:** .....2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

**Planning & Zoning Board:** .....1st Wed., 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

**Tree Preservation Board:** .....3rd Wed., 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chamber

### **CITY OF INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| <b>EMERGENCIES (FIRE, POLICE, AMBULANCE)</b> | 9-1-1    |
| City Hall                                    | 773-3181 |
| Police & Fire Departments                    | 773-3030 |
| Recreation Department                        | 773-0552 |

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Water Department (City of Melbourne)                | 608-7100 Ext. 4 |
| Sewer (Brevard Utilities)                           | 633-2093        |
| Sewer (Emergency After Hours)                       | 455-1338        |
| Trash/Recycling Pickup (Waste Management)           | 723-4455        |
| Brevard County Voter Registration (Sarno Road)      | 255-4455        |
| Brevard County Driver License Division (Sarno Road) | 264-6935        |
| Florida Power & Light Residential Service           | 723-7795        |
| Florida Power & Light Outage                        | 1-800-468-8243  |

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