

District Five Commission Newsletter



COMMISSIONER ANDY ANDERSON

February 2014



A Message from the Commissioner



Friends,

Happy 2014! I hope the new year has been good to all of you so far. We had a fantastic end to 2013 with all of our charity drives producing outstanding results, helping make the holidays brighter for kids from “one to 92”! You can read all the great details inside this newsletter.

The beginning of the new year has me focusing on some other areas that need help, our homeless animals and the Indian River Lagoon. In January, the county animal shelters participated in a mega adoption event that saw a large number of homeless cats and dogs find families to call their own. In an effort to help out this cause, I will be hosting a breakfast at the Canova Park dog beach some time in late April or early May that will give people a chance to interact with and possibly adopt a new pet. More information to come.

In February, I will be attending the Oyster Gardening Project Kickoff Workshop. This fantastic project is a way for our community to take action and help repair the damage done to the ecosystem in the Indian River Lagoon. They are currently recruiting residents to suspend oyster habitats from their docks and help monitor weekly progress. If you are interested in getting involved, you can find more information on page 5 of this newsletter.

Your friend and neighbor,

Andy Anderson
Brevard County Commissioner
District 5

Andy's primary points:

- NEW JOBS FOR BREVARD
- FOCUSING ON D5 BUSINESSES
- IMPROVING COUNTY SERVICES
- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
- AVAILABILITY TO THE RESIDENTS

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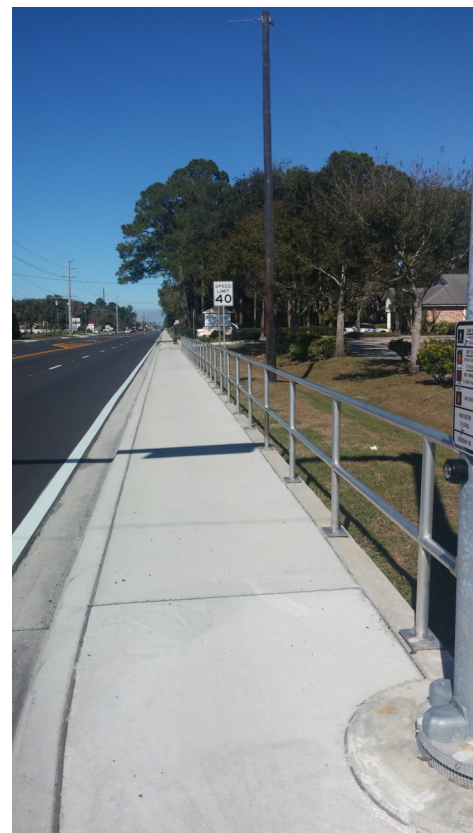
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WICKHAM ROAD PROJECT COMPLETED

The Wickham Road project between NASA Boulevard and US 192 was completed in December 2013. Although this project experienced some delays, Commissioner Anderson and the Public Works staff worked hard to ensure that the road was open in time for the busy holiday shopping period.

"I appreciate the patience shown by the business owners in this area during the construction of this road," Commissioner Anderson said. "I know it took a little longer than we all expected but in the end, we have a beautiful road that will not only benefit those businesses but all Brevard residents who travel that roadway daily."

The project consisted of reconstructing 6,600 linear feet of the existing four-lane road to a new four-lane roadway with a center bi-directional turn lane. These changes increase roadway capacity and make the road safer for the public to access the businesses along this segment of Wickham Road. The project also included the addition of turn lanes on Sheridan Road, Greensboro Drive and Idlewyld Circle and traffic signal improvements at the intersections. The construction of a stormwater drainage system and stormwater treatment ponds were also added to accommodate the new roadway. A pedestrian sidewalk was constructed on the east side of Wickham Road from US 192 to NASA Boulevard. The project cost was \$6,202,694.



Completed construction of Wickham Road including bi-lateral turn lanes and new side-

UPCOMING PROJECT...

The South Area Road and Bridge Office is planning to start MSTU funded resurfacing and associated drainage projects in the June Park area and along Chicago in the area west of I-95, within approximately the next 3 to 4 months. As a part of these projects, the installation of pipes will be necessary at the intersections of Church & Illinois and Chicago & Michigan.



ST. JOHN'S HERITAGE PARKWAY UPDATE

Project Description

New construction of approximately 6 miles of arterial roadway from Emerson Drive in the City of Palm Bay north to Ellis Road. The roadway acts as beltway around I-95 providing for a 13,000 interstate trip reduction. The project connects employees with employers, including several Fortune 500 Federal contractors. The proposed roadway promotes long term job creation with new or improved access to 1,400 acres of vacant Mixed Use property available for future development and job creation. In addition, the project allows for a new north-south arterial roadway which connects to several east-west arterial roadways that act as evacuation routes for coastal high hazard areas and for other potential man-made or natural disasters.

First Phase

The first portion of the Parkway to be constructed is the southern segment, consisting of 3.094 miles from US 192 south to the Palm Bay city limits where it will connect to the Parkway segment under construction by the City of Palm Bay. This phase is discussed in detail, below.

PD & E

A Project Development and Environment Study (referred to as a PD&E Study) is part of the FDOT's transportation improvement process that allows projects like this one to be developed from an identified need to a construction project. The PD&E Study process is necessary to achieve compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The PD&E Study process includes several key milestones including: data collection, alternatives development and analysis, environmental studies, study documentation, and selection of a Preferred Alternative.

For the south segment of the Parkway, the PD & E is complete and has been accepted by FDOT and Federal Highway for the south segment of the Parkway.

Engineering Design

The design of the Parkway is 99% complete, and is only pending the purchase of two parcels of right of way to be considered 100% complete. Until all ROW is acquired where the roadway will be constructed, plans may not be considered at 100%.

Environmental Permitting

Both State and Federal permits are required for the Parkway. The State review agency, the St. John River Water Management District (SJRWMD) issued the permit on November 1, 2013. The Federal review agency, the Army Corp of Engineers, (ACOE), issued their permit on November 15, 2013.

ROW Acquisition

The acquisition of Right of Way (ROW) is the purchasing of property related to the roadway. There are two parcels remaining to be purchased. Both are scheduled to be acquired in February 2014.

FDOT Work Plan

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Plan consists of a listing of all capacity construction projects that are to be constructed with State or Federal funding. The Parkway received Federal funding through FDOT, and is in the Work Plan. Prior to construction, FDOT will review the final construction plans, approve the phasing of the project, and amend the Work Plan prior to any advertising of the bidding for the construction may take place.

Construction

The construction must be publically bid, reviewed, and then awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. FDOT approval is required to begin the bidding process and start construction on the first portion in September 2014.

PROJECT TIMELINE FIRST PHASE

February 2014
ROW Acquisition

March 2014
Construction plans and
bid documents reviewed by
FDOT.

May 2014
FDOT amends work plan

June 2014
Pre-Bid Construction Meeting

July 2014
Project is bid

August 2014
Brevard County Commission
awards construction contract

September 2014
Notice to Proceed given for
construction

DISTRICT FIVE NEWS

Coats for Kids Drive Helps Guardian Ad Litem Children Stay Warm This Winter

For the fourth year in a row, Brevard County Commissioner Andy Anderson and the District Five staff collected new coats as part of the Coats for Kids drive. Over 150 new coats were collected at area libraries in November and given to this year's recipient, Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) of Brevard County, in time for the holidays. The GAL program currently has over 600 abused and neglected children in their program.

"The coats provided by Commissioner Anderson's Coats for Kids drive were so appreciated by the GAL volunteers, the children we represent and their caregivers! If not for the Commissioner's program, many of these children would not have a warm coat for those cold winter days," Kim DelGaudio, Circuit Director, 18th Judicial Circuit, Guardian Ad Litem Program said.

"I am happy that we are able to help fantastic organizations like GAL meet some of the basic needs of those in their care," Anderson said. "As always, I am so thankful to the generous residents of Brevard County who make this program a huge success."



Elves for Elders Campaign Makes Holidays Happy for Local Seniors

For the second year in a row, Brevard County Commissioner Andy Anderson and the District Five staff helped Aging Solutions collect hundreds of holiday presents for seniors in need. Aging Solutions oversees the care of over 60 wards of the state and holds the Elves for Elders Drive every year to help these seniors meet many of their basic needs.

"This is such an important drive," Anderson said. "These seniors weren't asking for luxury items. They wanted necessities such as clothes and hygiene items. We are so grateful to the Brevard County residents who opened their hearts and wallets to brighten the holidays for these seniors."

Aging Solutions is a non-profit organization that serves as legal representative to handle the affairs of those incapable of managing their own, as decided by the courts. One hundred percent (100%) of all donations received will go directly to services and needs of wards in Brevard County.

"The gifts of your constituents made so many folks feel loved and cared about this holiday season," Becky Mathieson, Aging Solutions said. "We thank the Commissioner and his staff for their superb efforts."

THANK YOU LETTER FROM AGING SOLUTIONS:



As the Office of the Public Guardian, Aging Solutions serves a population that is without any other resource both financially and personally. These vulnerable adults have experienced a variety of neglect, abuse and/or exploitation prior to coming into our oversight. We have the enormous responsibility to protect these individuals and are honored by your clear commitment to this cause.

Please know that by your actions of participating in the Elves for Elders Program helped provide exposure to Aging Solutions Inc., Office of Public Guardian and it's cause by championing awareness within the community for the need to protect and add value to our most vulnerable and elderly population. There is a lack of understanding of what legal guardianship of incapacitated adults actually is and without the support of individuals like you, the folks we serve would continue to be forgotten or simply overlooked.

Thank you on behalf of all those that we serve that are unable to tell their story and change the system that they are placed in for the rest of their life. You have made a difference in another individual's life.

Your generous donations of clothing, shoes, socks, hygiene items, jewelry, accessories, bedding, watches, monetary donations and personal time to be an Elf helped make the holidays a truly joyous time for our elders. With sincere admiration of your commitment in assisting

us in protecting Florida's vulnerable adults, we want you to know that we appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,
Becky Mathisen, NCG
Program Manager, Brevard County

DISTRICT FIVE NEWS

Commissioner Anderson Meets With Governor Rick Scott and Small Business Owners

Brevard County Commissioner Andy Anderson hosted a lunch on December 20, 2013 with Governor Rick Scott and several local small business owners to discuss the impacts of proposed and existing state regulations on small business owners. Changes to regulations can have an effect on the way small businesses operate, sometimes causing confusion and slowing growth of all businesses as the economy begins to recover in Brevard.

At the luncheon, held at the Harbor City Diner in West Melbourne, small business owners were given the opportunity to explain the issues they are facing, offer solutions that would improve their businesses and encourage Governor Scott to continue his pro-growth initiatives that have already benefitted the Space Coast.

"I have always had a passion for small businesses and appreciate their importance in our community," Anderson said. "This lunch event was a huge success and Governor Scott left Brevard with a good understanding of the issues facing our small business owners."



Commissioner Anderson Hosts Casino Night to Support Local Veterans and Youth Organizations



On January 22nd, Commissioner Andy Anderson hosted a casino night fundraiser at Tommy's Cigar Lounge to benefit the Space Coast's 82nd Airborne Association (Paratroopers Association) and the Law Enforcement Officer's Surfers Association (LEOSA). The Paratroopers Association helps "in need" former paratroopers and their dependents cope with emergency financial hardships. LEOSA raises awareness and helps at "risk kids" through a mentor/leadership type of program. The event raised more than \$1,600 for the organizations.

"There is a need for people to get together for a common goal to help youth locally," Commissioner Anderson, a former paratrooper, said. "there is a lot of support to help our kids out and we are just getting started!" Deputy County Manager Stockton Whitten said he thought it

was a "great event for a great cause". Andy will continue his passion in helping out the neediest in our community through strong friendships and relationships and less government interference.

Andy would also like to express a special thanks to Pat Biddix and his dealers from Club 52, Dave Neihaus from All Cities Expo Services, Inc., Tom Frey and Kevin Mertz and staff at Tommy's Cigar Lounge, Wes Henderson from Angel's Envy Bourbon, and Brandon Gish and Steve Fernez of LEOSA.

Commissioner Anderson Ready to Kickoff Oyster Gardening Project

Commissioner Anderson will help kickoff the Oyster Gardening Project on February 22nd at the David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach. The Brevard Oyster Gardening Project, launched by Brevard Zoo, is taking action within our own community to repair the damage done to the ecosystem in our lagoon. The Brevard Zoo with the help of residents will monitor oyster habitats throughout the county with the final goal of building a restored oyster reef in the Indian River Lagoon.

The zoo is currently recruiting residents along the lagoon to suspend oyster habitats from their docks and help us monitor their progress weekly. This opportunity is a weekly time commitment, and you will need to attend one of the workshops to become educated about the project. At this workshop, you will create your own oyster habitats, be trained on monitoring procedures, and you will receive all of the necessary supplies for your oyster garden.

If you are interested in becoming an oyster gardener, please contact Sammy Anderson at SAnderson@brevardzoo.org for more information and to RSVP to join us at one of our scheduled workshops.





District 5 Calendar



FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.	5	6 Commission Zoning 5 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Commission Workshop 1 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22 Oyster Kickoff Workshop 11 a.m.
23	24	25	26	27	28	

MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.	5	6 Commission Zoning 5 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 TPO 9 a.m. Commission Workshop 1 p.m.	14	15
16	17	18 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29



District 5 Calendar



APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 Commission Zoning 5 p.m.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 TPO Meeting 9 a.m.</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 Commission Workshop 9 a.m.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20 Easter</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.</i>	<i>30</i>			

MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1 Commission Zoning Meeting 5 p.m.</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 TPO Meeting 9 a.m.</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
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<i>25</i>	<i>26 Memorial Day Holiday</i>	<i>27 Commission Meeting 9 a.m.</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Commission Zoning Meeting 5 p.m.</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>

Commissioner Andy Anderson



BREVARD COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT FIVE

The District 5 Commission Office has an open door policy. Commissioner Anderson and his staff want to keep the lines of communication open with our constituents and welcome your feedback. This helps us serve our district better and generate new ideas for improving the quality of life in Brevard County.



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Brevard County Cities and Towns in District Five:

- City of Palm Bay
- City of Melbourne
- City of West Melbourne
- Town of Melbourne Village
- Town of Indialantic