



2014 Volusia League of Cities Distinguished Service Awards May 30, 2014

The May 22, 2014 Volusia League of Cities Distinguished Service Awards Banquet was enjoyed by close to 250 people and was held at the Club at Pelican Bay 350 Pelican Bay Drive, Daytona Beach, FL.

This year's Annual Banquet focused on the tree of life. As we continue to grow we need to work closer together if we intend to prosper and bear successful fruit in the future. The cities are all connected to the County, like branches are connected to the trunk of a tree. One cannot survive without the other. Working together we can weather through anything that affects the quality of life we aspire and desire.

The favor all attendees received contained materials to learn a lesson as to why it takes quality time, nurturing and patience to accomplish anything worthwhile in life. Enclosed inside a clear box was a red clay pot with an acorn and instructions on how to grow an oak tree. Each person was asked to take on the challenge to grow the enclosed acorn into a mighty oak.

The Guest speaker was Florida League of Cities President, Council Member P.C. Wu from the City of Pensacola Florida and the Invocation was said by Commissioner Judy Reiker, with the City of New Smyrna Beach.

A five member Nomination Committee went through a total of 61 nominations to determine this year's recipients, and The City of New Smyrna Beach is proud to announce the following awards for New Smyrna Beach, as published in a press release issued by the VLOC:



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – ADMINISTRATION:
Khalid Resheidat - Assistant City Manager

**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - ECONOMIC ENRICHMENT,
COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**
Gail Henrikson - Planning Manager, City of New Smyrna Beach



City Hall
210 Sams Avenue
New Smyrna Beach
Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

City offices will be closed for the following holidays:



Friday, July 4th
Monday, Sept. 1st - Labor Day

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2014 Election Information

City Commission Seats Up for Election in 2014

City Commissioner, Zone 1 (4-year term);
City Commissioner, Zone 2 (4-year term);
Mayor (2-year term)

Current Candidates:

Mayor

Jack Grasty
Jim Hathaway

City Commission Zone 1

Judy Reiker (unopposed)

City Commission Zone 2

Jake Sachs
Steve Sather

[Please use this link to view the Candidate Reports](#)

2014 Municipal Election Dates

Primary Election - Tuesday, August 26, 2014
General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Links of Interest:

[City Charter, Chapter 13 - Registration and Elections](#)

[Volusia County Supervisor of Elections - Voters Registration Information](#)

[Florida Commission on Ethics](#)

[Florida Division of Elections](#)

[Florida Department of State](#)

[League of Women Voters of Volusia County](#)

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Hours Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

NSB GETS NEW WEBSITE

Web browsers that land on the City's new website will notice a bright, clean look that accents the area's assets. Launched in May, the site's design was developed using citizen input and analytical data.

Recently residents and visitors surveyed described New Smyrna Beach as a friendly, "beachy," laid back community. The colors and images strive to deliver that image in a digital format. Buttons and links on the homepage reflect the most frequently searched topics on the previous website.



To keep the content fresh, the homepage offers features to continually provide updated information. Graphics in the banner highlight initiatives and events. Tabs beneath the banner include news, city-hosted events and a calendar containing all City meetings.

Check out the new site at www.cityofnsb.com.

Florida City-County Management Association Present Annual Awards

The Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA) presented its awards on Friday, May 30th at a luncheon in Orlando at the Hilton Orlando. President Russ Blackburn, City Manager of Gainesville, presided over the awards. Over 220 members were present, many of them with spouses, guests and/or city and county staff for the presentations.

The FCCMA is the statewide association for management professionals in cities and counties across Florida. It is an affiliate of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Created in 1946, the association has over 570 members.

This year's awards, included two senior staff from the City of New Smyrna Beach, given at the discretion of the FCCMA president:

Assistant for Excellence in Leadership: this award recognizes deputy and assistant managers.

For 2014, **Mr. Khalid Resheidat**, Assistant City Manager, for the City of New Smyrna Beach was the recipient. He is a 25-year city employee. Mr. Resheidat was nominated by his city, and the nomination stressed his "support to city employees, who view him as a leader and mentor," and recognized his skills at facilitation, "building partnerships within the community, and his integrity."

Lifesaver Awards: each of these awards is given in recognition of a member's outreach to a member-in-transition (those members between professional positions who are offered temporary posts while they are between positions)

Pam Brangaccio, City Manager, New Smyrna Beach – for her outreach to Ms. Faith Miller

PUBLIC SAFETY

On June 23rd members of the New Smyrna Beach Fire Department traveled to Appleton, Wisconsin to conduct a final inspection on a new fire engine that is slated to be delivered within the next few weeks. The inspection took place at the Pierce manufacturing plant that builds fire apparatus for locations all over the world. New fire Engine 50 will replace the current Engine 50 which is a 1996 model with more than 140,000 miles. During the trip to Wisconsin the Fire Department members were able to go through the engine for quality insurance and test all the functions and features. Members were also given a tour of the enormous factory that showed every step of how the apparatus are made, from the raw materials of flat sheet metal to the application of decals on final assembly.



From Left, Engineer Jake Davies, Firefighter David Dearwester, Fire Chief David McCallister, Battalion Chief Shawn VanDemark, and Lieutenant Kevin Williams stand with a 1920's New Smyrna antique fire helmet. When Fire Chief David McCallister received an email about the helmet for sale the department quickly came into action to obtain a piece of our history. A request for donations was sent out citywide in effort to raise \$1,000 within 48 hours. Within 8 hours of the email the Fire Department raised enough funds from our members and members from other city departments to buy the helmet. We also received donations from the Balloonfest Committee, the City Commission, and Bert Fish. The helmet will be on display in the entrance way of the new central station being built once completed. The Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support.

We Can Keep Our Children Safe by Preventing Drowning

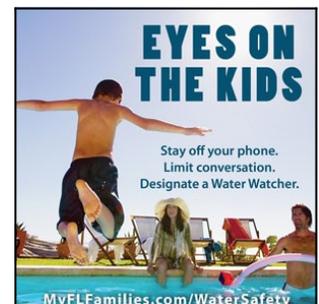
On a bright, beautiful summer day, little Jenny had several of her four and five year old friends over at the family pool for her birthday party. Everybody was having a great time. Mom went in the house to bring out the birthday cake. Dad followed her inside with the video camera so everyone could enjoy this memory. He got great shots of mom bringing out the cake with the candles lit and they started singing the Happy Birthday song. As they looked for Jenny to show off her birthday cake, Mom screamed as she saw Jenny floating at the bottom of the pool. Dad jumped in the pool and pulled Jenny out. Mom and Dad both tried CPR as 911 was called. In just the time it took to light 5 candles and bring out the birthday cake, tragedy struck.

The Department of Children and Families is determined to reduce the number of child deaths in our area and prevent situations such as the true story above from happening to others. Sadly, Florida loses more children under the age of five to drowning than any other state. Last year in our four-county area, there were 20 child deaths. Several of these were by drowning. Most of those deaths were preventable. Here are tips to make sure that this does not happen to you and your loved ones:

- Keep your eyes on the kids! Never leave a child unsupervised around any water including pools, spas, bathtubs, buckets, beaches or ponds. It can only take a few moments for a tragedy to happen. When children are swimming, parents should make sure that at least one adult is actively watching a child and not distracted by cell phones or conversations.
- Parents and pool owners can also help prevent child deaths by using barriers, pool access door alarms and locks on pools to prevent young children from slipping out of the house and into a body of water.
- Teach children how to tread water, how to float and how to swim.
- Do not leave toys that will interest little children around the pool.

We are blessed to live in a state with great weather and wonderful water recreation opportunities. Working together, we can help keep our children safe in these environments.

Additional information and resources are available for distribution at www.myflfamilies.com/watersafety or www.waterprooffl.com



SUMMER EVENTS

July 4th Celebration

Celebrate our nation's independence on July 4 in Riverside Park. The day kicks off with a free family fishing tournament. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Brannon Center in the park. The tourney runs from 9-11 a.m. and includes a water-safety program, lunch and awards. Gourmet food trucks and live music roll in at 3:00 p.m. and will remain through the fireworks show, which begins at 9:15 p.m. Riverside Park is at 105 N. Riverside Drive, New Smyrna Beach.



Concerts in the Park

The free Summer Concert Series continues through August

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Riverside Park
105 S. Riverside Drive

July 4

MaxQ (3-5 pm)

Cactus Jack & the Cadillacs (6-9 pm)

July 10

Amy Alysia & the Soul Operation

July 17

Ronnie Rogers Band

July 24

Magda Hiller

July 31

Uptuit Band

August 7

Jeremy & Andrea Mix

August 29

MaxQ

For more information, please call the New Smyrna Beach Recreation Department at 386-424-2175.

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Christmas in July - Saturday, July 5



With temperatures hovering 90 degrees, locals may cool off mentally with holiday festivities -- summer style. The Canal Street merchants will host a Christmas in July event from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, July 5th, in the Canal Street Historic District. Santa Claus and his elf will greet visitors in Christmas Park on the corner of Canal and Live Oak streets. A photographer will take free family photos with Santa in his tropical summer wear. Additional festivities may include a bed race against Santa and his crew, Christmas cookie decorating, a sidewalk sale, a window decorating contest, a scavenger hunt, and an ice cream social.

- REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS -

- ✓ The first Saturday of every month Canal Street features a Gallery Walk from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ The second Saturday of each month is Cruise Night on Canal Street from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Come enjoy antique cars, music, food and fun!
- ✓ Every Saturday the Farmers Market is open on Sams Avenue in the parking lot in front of City Hall, 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

For information on other events throughout the City, visit the NSB Visitors Bureau

**** Event Calendar ****

5th Friday Family Fun Night - August 29

When a caravan of gourmet food trucks rolls into the New Smyrna Beach Waterfront LOOP this month, they'll set up amidst a scene of family fun. The tasty caravan will be part of 5th Friday Family Fun Night from 5-9 p.m., August 29, in Riverside Park, 105 S. Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach. Additional activities include music, water slides, horseback riding, face painting, a balloon artist and a stilt walker. The event is hosted by the City of New Smyrna Beach Recreation and Events Department. For more information, please call 386.424.-2175

NSB to Break Ground August 4 on Two Projects

City of New Smyrna Beach and Volusia County Government officials will break ground Monday, August 4, on two capital improvement projects. The ceremony for the Colony Park Road extension will begin at 9 a.m. at the north end of the roadway on the east side of Home Depot, 2359 S.R. 44. The expansion of the Alonzo "Babe" James Community Center will follow at 10 a.m. at the center, 201 N. Myrtle Avenue.

"These projects are another example of beneficial partnerships," said Adam Barringer, New Smyrna Beach Mayor. "The City and Volusia County Government are teaming to improve the quality of life for our residents."

Colony Park Road will be extended northward nearly 2,200 feet to connect with Otter Boulevard, which ties into Pioneer Trail. When completed, the extended roadway will provide direct access to commerce facilities in the surrounding area and will decrease traffic on the adjoining north and south roadways such as Sugar Mill Drive and Glencoe Road, according to Pam Brangaccio, City Manager. In addition to the two-lane road extension, right-of-way improvements will include a stormwater management system, street lights and a 10-foot pedestrian sidewalk. A short section of Otter Boulevard also will be resurfaced, and a left turn lane will be implemented on Pioneer Trail.

"Most of the improvements will be within undeveloped parcels," Brangaccio said. "Area residents will experience minimal impacts. However, residents along Otter Boulevard may see minor delays due to construction vehicles."

The long-anticipated expansion of the Babe James Community Center will add 1,646 square feet of space. The existing building will be renovated to be more user friendly to include banquet seating for 250 people and a more secure entry, according to Brangaccio.

"This expansion will enable greater community participation in various events hosted at the facility," said Tony Otte, Community Redevelopment/Economic Development Director. "It will support the growth of additional community service programs for young adults and seniors." The expansion also will assist in the economic development of the area by providing more space to cater to larger events and conferences, he added.

During construction, the center will be closed. Programs are being relocated to Pettis Park and other City facilities, Otte explained.

The County of Volusia conveyed the right of way to the City to facilitate the Colony Park Road extension. An adjacent property owner contributed \$100,000 toward the project. The remainder of the \$1.53 million project is funded by City transportation impact fees. Completion is anticipated in February 2015.

The cost of the Babe James Center project is \$824,000 including design, permitting, construction and portable housing for current programs. The cost is funded jointly by the City and the County of Volusia through the City's Community Redevelopment Agency. Construction is expected to be completed by May 2015.

~ Project Updates ~

In January the CRA and City Commission approved a grant for the Friends of Canal St. to clear and landscape the Southwest corner of US 1 and Canal St. This location contained the unsightly remnants of a fast food restaurant that was demolished over thirty years ago.

The CRA leased the property from the railroad before work could begin, and Randy McHenry assisted in negotiating a lease price. He and Flare Elliot headed up the Friends of Canal Street effort and hired Keller Outdoor to do the work, which included removing the building slab and asphalt, installing irrigation lines, and planting trees, shrubs, and sod. Phase one is now complete, with Majool Palms matching the trees further east on Canal Street. The Friends of Canal Street are still raising additional funds to include lighting for the palm trees, the installation of a bronze plaque, and the planting of sod for the southern portion of the leased property.



The before & after photos show a dramatic improvement; a beautiful gateway to the commercial areas both East and West on Canal Street!

Beyond Canal Street & Flagler Ave. Momentum for Commercial Improvements Continue

This is the first installation of a year-long economic development series, where we will feature a specific area in Volusia or Flagler County and report on recent economic developments, spotlight the growth of local industries, and review ongoing growth strategies.

What a difference a few years makes," said Tony Otte, director of the community redevelopment department. "In 2011 the Canal Street area, New Smyrna Beach's historic mainland downtown, had 19 vacant stores and a vacant lot at a prominent corner. The three largest commercial spaces on the street were vacant – with the most prominent space, an entire former furniture store at the corner of US 1, having been vacant for over 5 years."

On Flagler Ave there were a number of properties that were underutilized, including two abandoned historic buildings and a large vacant lot.

Fast forward to 2014: Both streets have been transformed with projects that received assistance from Volusia County and the City through the Community Redevelopment Agency. The funding assistance aided in the construction of a new hotel on Flagler Ave and a new building on Canal St. and the renovation of many other buildings.

"There are no more CRA funds for such projects, but those improvements sparked a momentum for commercial building improvements that continues with private dollars," said Otte. New projects that are 100% privately funded include:

Canal St.

- The Cork Screw Bar and Grill is now under construction in the former Pennysaver building. The building shell and parking area received a CRA grant, but building out the only vacant space

remaining in the building is privately funded. This will complete the occupancy of the building and add another restaurant to the Canal St area.

- The former Tru-Gas Building at 115 N. Orange St (near Canal St) is undergoing a major renovation for the leasing of commercial spaces for retail or professional offices.

Businesses in buildings that have recent, privately funded renovations include:

Canal St.

- All State Insurance office (building improvements, existing business)
- The Canal St Creamery (new business, major building renovation)
- 12 Oaks Home Décor (existing business moved to a new location, major building renovation)
- The New Smyrna Beach Brewing Company (new business)
- The Posh Pineapple (new business)

Flagler Ave

- New Building behind Nejma's Boutique
- Two restaurants under construction next to the Hampton Inn

These projects have an estimated construction value of over \$800,000.

online: www.cityofnsb.com



(A recent article in the July/August publication of Halifax Magazine)

Halifax Magazine online: www.gage.pub.com

City Commission and Board Meeting Calendar

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Planning & Zoning Board 9 Historic Preservation Board 11 Plan Review Committee 14 Housing Authority 15 Code Enforcement Board 16 Economic Development Adv. Bd 17 Building Trades Board 17 Airport Advisory Board <li style="color: red;">30 City Commission Budget Meeting <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">*Note - The City Commission & CRA have no regular meetings in July.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Plan Review Committee 4 Planning & Zoning Board 5 Animal Control Board 7 Fire Pension Board 7 Police Pension Board 11 Housing Authority Board 12 Community Redevelopment Agency 12 Regular City Commission Meeting 13 Historic Preservation Board 19 Code Enforcement Board 19 Leisure Activities Advisory Board 20 Economic Development Advisory Bd 21 Building Trades Board 27 Regular City Commission Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Planning & Zoning Board 5 Plan Review Committee 8 Housing Authority Board 8 City Commission Budget Meeting 9 Community Redevelopment Agency 9 Regular City Commission Meeting 10 Historic Preservation Board 16 Code Enforcement Board 17 Economic Development Advisory Bd 18 Building Trades Board 18 Community Dev. Advisory Board 23 Special City Commission - Budget 23 Regular City Commission Meeting 24 Golf Advisory Board <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

*** NOTICE ***

Most meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers - to check the meeting location, confirm the meeting time, and to view the agenda for the meetings listed above, go to the City [meeting calendar](#) on the City website anytime.



Boards and Committees - Vacancies

The City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach is looking for interested persons to serve on City Boards, Commissions and Committees. Currently, the following boards have vacancies, but there are always positions coming open so please check with the City Clerk if you are interested in serving.

Economic Development Advisory Board – a vacancy exists for a regular member to fill a term expiring June 8, 2014.

Golf Advisory Board – a vacancy exists for a regular member to fill a term expiring September 1, 2017.

Personnel Board – Four vacancies exists for regular members to fill terms expiring May 1, 2015 and May 1, 2016.

[More Information](#)

In most cases, to be eligible for appointment, each applicant must be a registered voter and resident of the City of New Smyrna Beach for one year immediately prior to the appointment. To be considered for appointment, please complete a City Advisory Boards and Commissions [Volunteer Application](#) which can also be found on the Boards and Commission webpage and submit the completed form to:

City Clerk's Office
New Smyrna Beach City Hall
210 Sams Avenue
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

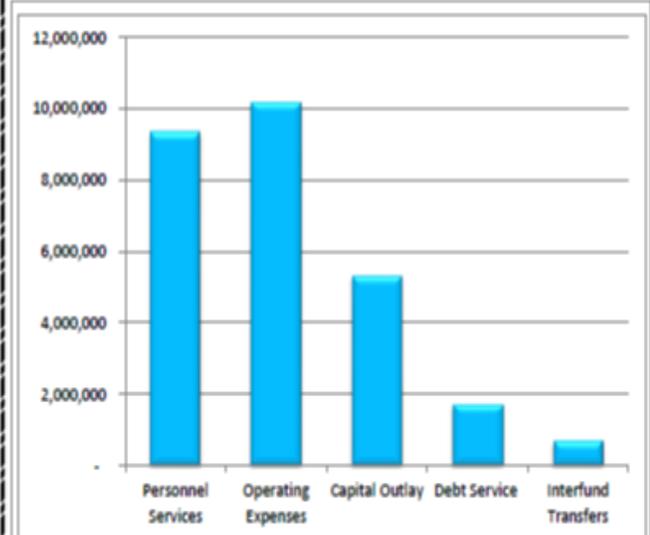
**CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH
BUDGET-IN-BRIEF as of May 31, 2014
(66.67% of year elapsed)**

General Fund Revenues				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	% Change
Taxes	15,617,532	12,922,929	11,976,114	7.9%
Licenses & Permits	222,595	200,849	210,781	-4.7%
Intergovernmental Revenue	3,482,495	1,278,779	1,419,615	-9.9%
Fines & Forfeitures	47,137	98,039	27,790	252.7%
Misc. Revenue	203,018	703,647	136,753	414.5%
Charges for Services	493,106	385,952	383,768	0.6%
Interfund Transfers	357,700	20,467	70,985	-71.2%
Appropriations & Carryover	2,792,900	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 23,216,483	\$ 15,610,662	\$ 14,226,792	9.7%

General Fund Expenditures				
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	% Change
City Commission	227,850	145,981	130,643	11.7%
City Manager	421,682	289,525	250,179	7.7%
City Clerk	221,695	157,733	146,088	8.0%
Finance	400,088	294,468	262,500	0.7%
Information Technology	450,163	174,838	205,986	-15.1%
Human Resources	189,316	112,514	137,376	-18.1%
City Attorney	439,654	287,379	283,371	1.4%
Planning & Engineering	592,597	346,777	350,408	-1.0%
Non-Departmental	2,461,561	1,083,883	388,928	178.7%
Public Works Administration	71,096	42,811	53,744	-20.3%
Police	5,689,536	3,536,794	3,317,759	6.6%
Fire	5,569,249	3,670,394	3,249,044	12.9%
Emergency Operation Center	19,055	10,879	8,016	35.7%
Streets	1,980,810	1,152,232	1,051,862	9.5%
Recreation	950,382	513,384	486,188	5.6%
Parks	978,507	493,765	468,323	5.4%
Sports Complex	1,029,062	720,933	494,271	45.9%
Building & Maintenance	468,976	296,671	258,882	14.6%
Debt Service	389,991	389,722	377,655	3.2%
Transfers	605,225	403,483	405,800	-0.6%
Total Expenditures	\$ 23,216,483	\$ 14,074,165	\$ 12,327,966	14.2%
Profit(Loss)		1,536,497	1,897,827	

Total Citywide Budget				
Expenditures	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	% Change
Total Citywide Budget	66,147,468	27,268,963	28,363,171	-3.9%

Citywide YTD Expenses



Other Major Funds				
Stormwater Fund	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	1,733,940	1,807,191	1,753,479	3.1%
Appropriations & Carryover	6,740,405	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	8,474,345	1,807,191	1,753,479	3.1%
Total Expenses	8,474,345	551,564	574,923	-4.1%
Profit(Loss)		1,255,627	1,178,556	

Airport				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	5,908,223	1,721,814	1,880,377	-8.4%
Appropriations & Carryover	166,748	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	6,074,971	1,721,814	1,880,377	-8.4%
Total Expenses	6,074,971	2,445,808	2,050,845	19.3%
Profit(Loss)		(723,994)	(170,468)	

Marina				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	267,000	194,010	198,314	-2.2%
Appropriations & Carryover	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	267,000	194,010	198,314	-2.2%
Total Expenses	267,000	130,170	132,009	-1.4%
Profit(Loss)		63,840	66,305	

Building & Inspection				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	825,788	1,037,483	974,659	6.4%
Appropriations & Carryover	110,106	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	935,894	1,037,483	974,659	6.4%
Total Expenses	935,894	506,194	467,775	8.2%
Profit(Loss)		531,299	506,884	

CRA				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	2,469,280	1,718,051	1,548,283	11.0%
Appropriations & Carryover	2,037,402	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	4,506,682	1,718,051	1,548,283	11.0%
Total Expenses	4,506,682	1,736,434	4,254,276	-59.2%
Profit(Loss)		(18,383)	(2,705,993)	

Golf Course				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	1,263,650	899,179	943,969	-4.7%
Appropriations & Carryover	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	1,263,650	899,179	943,969	-4.7%
Total Expenses	1,263,650	707,633	740,099	-4.4%
Profit(Loss)		191,546	203,870	

Sanitation				
Revenues	Budget	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	%
Revenues	5,172,964	3,393,700	3,322,976	2.1%
Appropriations & Carryover	-	-	-	0.0%
Total Revenues	5,172,964	3,393,700	3,322,976	2.1%
Total Expenses	5,172,964	3,369,887	3,354,462	0.5%
Profit(Loss)		23,814	(31,306)	

Citywide YTD Revenues

