



# City of New Smyrna Beach

1st Quarter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### Welcome Mayor Hathaway and Commissioner Jake Sachs



Jim Hathaway was elected Mayor at the General Election held November 4, 2014. He was sworn into office on November 11, 2014. Jim was previously elected to represent Zone 3, northwestern New Smyrna Beach on the City Commission in 1994 and served four terms, until November 2012. He was also selected by the City Commission to serve five, one-year terms as Vice Mayor.



Jake Sachs was elected Zone 2 City Commissioner at the General Election held November 4, 2014. He was sworn into office on November 11, 2014. This is his first experience with politics, and he looks forward to the many opportunities he will have to help the citizens of New Smyrna Beach.

City offices will be closed:

January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday



Judy Reiker  
Zone 1



Jason McGuirk  
Zone 3



Kirk Jones,  
Zone 4

## City Employees Participate in Countywide Food Drive

City of New Smyrna Beach employees collected 6,833 pounds of food this year to support the Second Harvest Food Bank Countywide Food Drive. The total collected by all agencies was 110,340 pounds which is over four times the amount of the first Countywide Food Drive coordinated by Volusia County Government.

At a recent Volusia County Council meeting, Second Harvest Food Bank thanked everyone for participating, and making it possible to feed many families over the holiday season.

City of New Smyrna Beach employees truly care about this community; and are they're always eager to help out worthy causes. This is the third year New Smyrna Beach employees have participated in the drive, which was led by Claudia Rogers, City Human Resource Specialist.



## NEW SMYRNA BEACH OPENS NEW FIRE STATION

New Smyrna Beach firefighters have moved from the aging Faulkner Street fire station to a new, more centrally located facility. The City's new Fire Station 50 was opened following a ribbon cutting ceremony December 17.

“The City’s Station 50 responders are now in a more centralized location,” said Jim Tauber, New Smyrna Beach Interim Fire Chief. “It’s a strategic move that enables crews to respond more quickly within their coverage area and when assisting another station.”

The New Smyrna Beach Fire and Rescue Department serves 40-square miles using the same number of fire stations that existed more than 30 years ago, he added. The cost of the 11,500-square-foot station was \$2.86 million. Construction began in April 2013. APM Construction, Daytona Beach, was the general contractor.



Mayor Jim Hathaway, center, celebrates after cutting the ceremonial ribbon on the City's new Fire Station 50. He is flanked by retired firefighters, now City commissioners, Kirk Jones, left, and Jake Sachs. Commissioner Judy Reiker also is holding the ribbon.



Firefighters move their gear into the new Fire Station following the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

This is the final public safety project to be built using an \$18.3-million general obligation bond GOB approved by voters in 2004 for public safety projects and sidewalks, according to Khalid Resheidat, Assistant City Manager. Additional bond-funded public safety projects that have been completed include three fire stations and the police department. Construction has begun on sidewalk segments that are being funded by GOB funds available after construction of this last fire station.



New Smyrna Beach Mayor Jim Hathaway poses for a photo with Eleanor Grace Henshaw Orca – whose father was the City's fire chief during the Great Depression and WW II.

She donated historical photos and memorabilia to the City.



Former Fire Chief Dave McCallister addresses the public during the ceremony.

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## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### New Smyrna Beach Multi-use Trail Officially Open

On November 21, Jim Hathaway cut his first ceremonial ribbon as mayor when New Smyrna Beach officially opened its multi-use trail. Dozens of citizens participated by walking, running or riding along the paved trail following the ribbon cutting.

The trail spans 2.2 miles from West Pine Avenue just north of S.R. 44 off Mission Road to Sugar Mill Drive. The 12-foot-wide, multi-use trail has been constructed in an existing utility corridor, according to the New Smyrna Beach Engineer Kyle Fegley. The eastern trail head is on West Pine Avenue between Jungle Road and Pioneer Trail. The western end is next to Geiger-Glencoe Cemetery on Sugar Mill Drive. Parking is available at both ends. Along the trail, users cross a 125-foot bridge over Turnbull Creek with intermittent benches and trash receptacles.



Construction on the \$1.8-million project began March 5 and is funded jointly by the Volusia ECHO Program, the Florida Department of Transportation-Transportation and Planning Organization, and the City of New Smyrna Beach.



# CAPITAL PROJECTS CONTINUED.....

Work is underway for the **Colony Park Roadway Extension Project** (Halifax Paving), connecting the existing roadway currently terminating at Home Depot to Pioneer Trail via Otter Blvd. The new roadway should improve traffic conditions and mobility around the Home Depot area and give another means of travel between Pioneer Trail and SR44. The project is scheduled for completion in Spring 2015.



Looking South from Otter Blvd/Pedestrian Trail where Colony Park Rd will come through



South bound Colony Park Rd at Otter Blvd



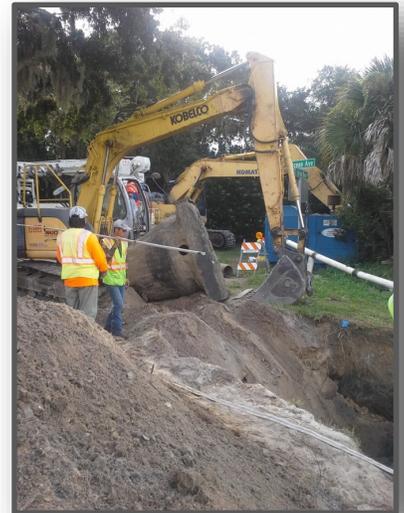
North bound at start of Colony Park Rd Extension



Drainage Structures in place and grading in progress

## Central Beach Phase III Flood Mitigation and Utilities Improvement Project

(Masci Construction) began 9/29/14 with most of the work to date being performed on and around Ocean, Oakwood, and Peninsula Avenues. This is a three year project with the City and Utilities Commission working jointly to improve the overall drainage and utility infrastructure. The project area is South of Flagler Ave, North of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and West of Atlantic Ave.



Sanitary Sewer replacement



Stormwater pipes on W Ocean



*New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County and Florida Inland Navigational District (FIND) officials broke ground on the North Causeway Boat Ramp Improvement Project in December.*

*The overall cost of the renovation project is nearly \$825,000 and is funded by a FIND grant, by the City of New Smyrna Beach, the County of Volusia and the City of New Smyrna Beach through the City's Community Redevelopment Agency.*

## Babe James Center Progress Photos

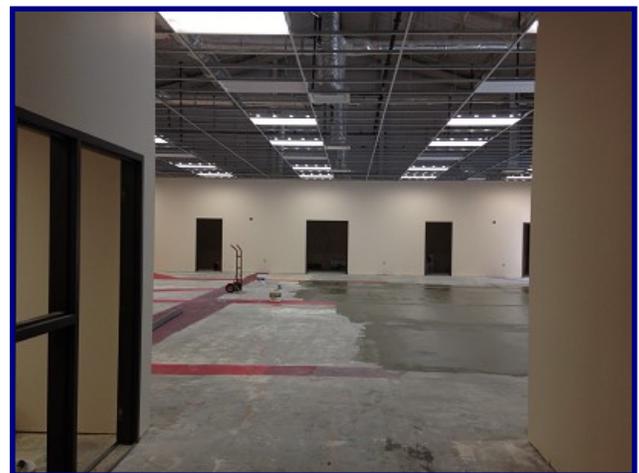


The main entrance of the building has been expanded to include a new reception area, new administrative and family offices as well as a new computer room.

The Babe James Expansion project is well underway and nearly 50% complete with construction and renovation!



The existing activity room has been expanded by relocating existing office spaces to the new entry side of the building and is in the process of receiving brand new wall finishes, a new ceiling and a beautiful new tile floor.



**We can't wait to share this new space with community this coming Summer 2015!**

## PUBLIC SAFETY

The Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of Christopher Roos to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Roos has been working in this capacity for the last 9 months. Lt. Roos has taken the time to prepare for this position by furthering his knowledge through multiple training courses, and has excelled in the position while in the acting capacity.



Officer Josh Holloway of the NSB Police Department was named Mr. Rodeo by winning the 1<sup>st</sup> place expert all-around competition at the 8th Annual Motorcycle Skills Challenge, which raises money for the local Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Officer's Holloway and Reve received 1<sup>st</sup> place team ride and Officer Delahanty received 2<sup>nd</sup> place challenge ride.

Investigator David Adkins was the recipient of the Will Goodrich Service Above Self Award presented by the Rotary Club of New Smyrna Beach. In October of 2013 and November of 2014, Investigator Adkins hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hangar Hootenanny to raise funds for the PAL program. Hootenanny profits were used to purchase a much needed mat for track and field, two \$500 High School Scholarships and registration fees for over 97 children.



The Police Department recently held their Annual Awards Ceremony and recognized employees for numerous achievements including the following:

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| <b>Volunteer of the Year:</b>      | <b>Helen Christian</b>                        |
| <b>Civilian of the Year:</b>       | <b>Kelly Williams</b>                         |
| <b>Police Officer of the Year:</b> | <b>Robert Claudio, Field Training Officer</b> |
| <b>Supervisor of the Year:</b>     | <b>Mark Severance, Sergeant</b>               |

## NEW SMYRNA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW FIREFIGHTERS, ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

The New Smyrna Beach Fire Department recognized newly promoted Lieutenant Mike Greene and Driver Engineer Don Smith as well as newly hired firefighters Jeremy Macklefresh and Dylan Sempsrott on Tuesday, November 11, at the City Commission meeting.



The firefighters and their family members participated in a long time firefighter tradition of getting pinned. This tradition signifies the entrance into the Fire Department or movement in the ranks by receiving their badge. Lt. Greene has been a member of the department since 2005, Smith joined the agency in 2001. Macklefresh, 22, graduated from Atlantic High School where he was a varsity wrestler. A Port Orange resident, Macklefresh is a certified emergency medical technician (EMT) plans on using his experience to become a skilled firefighter and progress through the ranks. Sempsrott, 20, is a New Smyrna Beach native and graduate of New Smyrna Beach High School where he was the captain of the cross country team. Sempsrott also is a certified EMT and plans on making his career with New Smyrna Beach. The two new firefighters will replace open positions from recently retired members of the department.

From left: Firefighter Dylan Sempsrott, Firefighter Jeremy Macklefresh, Driver Engineer Don Smith, and Lieutenant Mike Greene



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**  
MYFLFAMILIES.COM

## Who is watching my child:

It was bedtime and 18 month old Benji had just been transitioned from a crib into a toddler bed. Mom worked nights and her boyfriend, Mark, cared for the child while Mom worked. That night Benji crawled out of his toddler bed and was playing with toys on the floor. Mark became very upset when he discovered he was out of bed and physically beat the child. After he beat him, he threw him back in the toddler bed and covered him up. Benji remained in the bed, crying and dying, with his five year old brother in his own bed across the room. Benji's mother found him deceased when she came home from work. She stated that she was sure that Mark would never hurt her children.

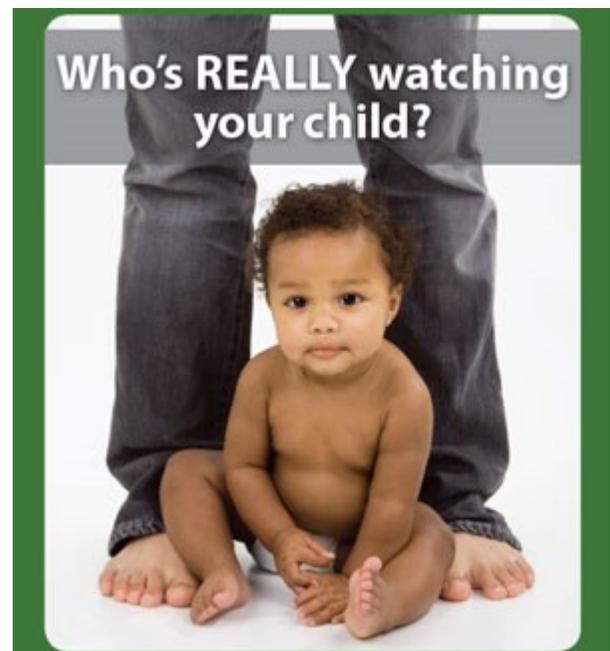
In hindsight, however, Mark had a long history of violence against previous girlfriends and his own mother. He would spank the children for discipline and put hot sauce on Benji's hands to "keep them out of his mouth". He considered the children a nuisance. But the five year old was able to report that Benji got in more "trouble" than he did. Mark also had a history of drinking too much.

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. Make sure you know who's really watching your child. Do they have what it takes? There are a few things you can do to lower the risk of leaving your child with a secondary caretaker. Ask yourself these questions:

## Does my partner/friend/caretaker:

- Treat other women/men in his/her life with disrespect?
- Get angry when you spend time with your child?
- Get angry or impatient when your child cries or has a tantrum?
- Call your child bad names or put them down?
- Think it's funny to scare your child?
- Make all the decisions for you and your child?
- Put you down or tell you that you're a bad parent or that you shouldn't have your kids?
- Pretend when he/she hurts your child that you are to blame or that it's no big deal?
- Tell you that your child is a nuisance or annoying?
- Scare or threaten your child by using guns, knives, or other weapons?
- How does my friend/partner/caretaker treat and interact with other children (nieces, nephews, friends' children, etc.)?
- Your child could be at risk if you answered "yes" to even one of these questions.

Never leave your child alone with someone you don't trust to keep your child safe.



## City Commission and Board Meeting Calendar

| <b>JANUARY</b>  | <b>FEBRUARY</b>  | <b>MARCH</b>   |
|---|--|--|
| 02 Plan Review Committee<br>05 Planning & Zoning Board<br>07 Beachside Resident Task Force<br>12 Housing Authority<br>13 City Commission - AOB Site<br>13 City Commission<br>13 Community Redevelopment Agency<br>14 Historic Preservation Board<br>15 Building Trades Board<br>15 Community Dev Block Grant Ad Bd<br>20 Code Enforcement Board<br>21 Economic Development Advisory Bd<br>27 City Commission<br>23 <b>Golf Advisory Board</b> | 02 Planning & Zoning Board<br>04 Beachside Resident Task Force<br>06 Plan Review Committee<br>09 Housing Authority<br>10 Community Redevelopment Agency<br>10 City Commission<br>11 Historic Preservation Board<br>12 Fire Pension Board<br>12 Police Pension Board<br>17 Code Enforcement Board<br>18 Economic Development Advisory Bd<br>19 Building Trades Board<br>19 Community Dev Block Grant Ad Bd<br>24 City Commission / P & Z Board<br>24 City Commission<br>27 <b>Golf Advisory Board</b> | 02 Planning & Zoning Board<br>04 Beachside Resident Task Force<br>06 Plan Review Committee<br>09 Housing Authority<br>10 Community Redevelopment Agency<br>10 City Commission<br>11 Historic Preservation Board<br>17 Town Hall Meeting - Coronado CC<br>17 Code Enforcement Board<br>18 Economic Development Advisory Bd<br>19 Building Trades Board<br>19 Community Dev Block Grant Ad Bd<br>24 City Commission - Auditors Report<br>24 City Commission - Budget Workshop<br>24 City Commission<br>27 <b>Golf Advisory Board</b> |
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### BOARD VACANCIES

In most cases, to be eligible for appointment to a Board, an 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**

**Current Vacancies:**

**Economic Development Advisory Board** – two vacancies exist for regular members to fill terms expiring June 8, 2018.

**Personnel Board** – Four vacancies exists for regular members to fill terms expiring May 1, 2015 (2) and May 1, 2016 (2).

Please call the City Clerk's Office at (386) 424-2112 if you have any questions regarding Boards and Commissions or you can visit the webpage for additional information as well. [Boards and Commissions](#)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### January

#### Martin Luther King Celebration

The MLK celebration in New Smyrna Beach will be on January 19th beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 214 S. Myrtle Avenue.

The march will begin at the Black Heritage Museum, 314 S. Duss Street at 9:00 a.m. and proceed to Old Fort Park for the memorial program.

#### 39th Annual IMAGES - A Festival of the Arts

Presented by Atlantic Center for the Arts

January 30, 31 & February 1, 2015

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 Sunday

Riverside Park - Free and Open to the Public



The Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce

## HOME SHOW & BUSINESS EXPO

HISTORIC CANAL STREET - DOWNTOWN NEW SMYRNA BEACH  
**JANUARY 17, 2015**  
**Booth Space & Sponsorships Now Available!**  
Space is Limited | Event Sold Out in 2014 | Over 10,000 Attend  
**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS!**

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Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce  
Serving the Communities of New Smyrna Beach, Edgewater & Oak Hill

#### - 53rd ANNUAL ART FIESTA 2015 -

Date: February 14th & 15th

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

Location: Old Fort Park and Sams Avenue  
 (across from City Hall, 210 Sams Avenue)

The art show will feature over 240 artisans and crafters from around the country to show and sell their wares. Browse the street and park while listening to musical entertainment throughout the weekend.

“Free to the Public”

For more information, contact the Recreation Department 386-424-2175



### February

#### - 22nd Annual Black Heritage Festival -

Date: Friday - Sunday, February 6-8

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,

Location: Pettis Park, 314 North Duss Street

Enjoy live music and entertainment, food, arts & crafts, hair weaving and face painting, cane grinding and syrup making, soap making, storytelling, a school art display and a tour of the Black Heritage Museum.

For more information, call 386-478-1934.



#### - REGULAR MONTHLY EVENTS -

The 1st Saturday of every month Canal Street features a

**Art Stroll/Gallery Walk** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The second Saturday of each month is **Cruise Night** on Canal Street

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come enjoy antique cars, music, food and fun!

And don't forget, every Saturday the **Farmers Market** is open on Sams

Avenue in front of City Hall 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Featuring fresh produce, hand made crafts and many other special items of interest.

**These events are free and open to the public!**

# Light the Night

# 5K Run/Walk

**Saturday, January 24**

**New Smyrna Beach Multi-Purpose Trail  
Trailhead on W. Pine Avenue**

**\$30 in advance/\$35 race day**

**[www.racesmith.com](http://www.racesmith.com)**

Participants are encouraged to wear glow-in-the-dark clothing to this nighttime race.

RFID Chip Timing will be used.

RaceSmith



**Pre-registration ends January 21.**

**Info: (386) 424-2175**

# Light the Night 5K Run/Walk



**WHEN:** SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2015

**WHERE:** TRAIL HEAD @ 230 WEST PINE AVE  
(LOCATED BEHIND THE TURNBULL FIRE DEPARTMENT)



**ENTRY FEE:** - \$30 REGISTRATION / \$35 DAY OF RACE (NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN)

**REGISTER IN PERSON:** NEW SMYRNA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION, 1000 LIVE OAK STREET, NSB / 424-2175

**MAIL TO:** NEW SMYRNA RECREATION & SPECIAL EVENTS ATTN: LIGHT THE NIGHT 5K RUN/WALK  
210 SAMS AVE, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA 32168

**Pre-Registration ends Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at midnight.**

**RACE DAY REGISTRATION:** 4:30 to 5:45 P.M. AT THE RACE SITE – RACE STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:10 P.M.  
**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH**

**ONLY PRE-REGISTERED RUNNERS ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE A LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT.**

**AWARDS:** RUNNERS MAY RECEIVE AWARDS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES: OVERALL, MASTERS, GRAND MASTERS AND THE TOP THREE FINISHERS IN 15 CATEGORIES FOR MALE AND 15 CATEGORIES FOR FEMALE.

**SCORING:** RFID CHIP TIMING WILL BE USED. RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT [www.RaceSmith.com](http://www.RaceSmith.com)

**PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR GLOW-IN-THE-DARK CLOTHING TO THIS NIGHTTIME RACE.**

**SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH**

**2015 LIGHT THE NIGHT 5K ENTRY FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (on Jan. 24, 2015) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE (required) \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE: ADULT SM \_\_\_\_\_ MED \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH L \_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH MED \_\_\_\_\_

I WISH TO BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LIGHT THE NIGHT 5K RUN. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH DOES NOT CARRY MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY SUFFERED BY ME. I FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY, ITS AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR THEIR NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE CITY OR ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT. IF I SHOULD SUFFER AN INJURY OR ILLNESS, I AUTHORIZE THE RACE OFFICIALS TO USE THEIR DISCRETION TO HAVE ME TRANSPORTED TO A MEDICAL FACILITY. I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PROPERLY TRAINED FOR THIS EVENT.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18) \_\_\_\_\_