

City of New Smyrna Beach, FL ANNUAL REPORT 2015



New civic center to open in 2016

New Smyrna Beach soon will have a new riverside civic venue that will serve as the area's premier spot for civic and private events. The center also will accommodate small conferences and expos.

When the project is completed in 2016, not only will event planners have a place to seat more than 600 people, the new civic center also will include an outdoor terrace and glass wall along the east side of the building to highlight one of our area's biggest assets – the Indian River. Project costs including design, demolition, construction and furnishings total nearly \$5.9 million.

Construction on the Brannon Civic Center began in late June. Chronological photos of construction progress are online at cityofnsb.com/brannonciviccenter.



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Message from the Mayor: NSB citizens are ‘making plans’



Mayor James Hathaway

When it comes to future planning, typically local government officials are driving the bus. But the City of New Smyrna Beach is working to hand over the keys to those most affected by planning decisions – our citizens.

Typically municipal planning involves the City’s professional planning staff identifying needs and composing plans focused on community problems. Now our citizens are identifying and analyzing planning issues. This new level of citizen engagement is changing the way the City thinks and conducts comprehensive planning.

All cities, regardless of size, are made up of multiple networked environments called neighborhoods. Even though each is unique, issues in one neighborhood can impact surrounding neighborhoods, and often, the city as a whole. Citizens who live and work in these neighborhoods can more quickly identify, analyze and recommend solutions to neighborhood problems. They also are empowered to speak their minds and become more organized and involved. In essence, our citizens are planning the routes based on needs they have identified and are driving the bus. The City maintains the fleet.

Keep in mind that the City has a seat on the bus. Staff sets up town hall meetings and neighborhood workshops and is responsible for approving and implementing the plan. But the citizen networks have written the planning analyses, priorities and vision statements for their neighborhoods.

Your City Commission is listening to concerns expressed by these citizen networks, Parking Task Force and more formal Neighborhood Council. For example, in several City Commission meetings the network presented a professional analysis of their planning needs and solutions to those problems. The City Commission then directed staff to begin a concerted planning effort focused on three neighborhoods.

Together we’re making it work and we’re making progress toward neighborhoods of enduring quality, livability and character. That’s in the best interest of our citizens today – and in the future.

For more information on neighborhood planning, please visit cityofnsb.com/neighborhood-planning.

City Commission members

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Beach lot parking program

Visitors who park in one of New Smyrna Beach’s four beachfront parking lots now are helping to cover the cost of parking enforcement and hopefully also maintaining the beach parks.

In October, the City launched a beach lot parking program. Parking is enforced daily from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the City’s four beachfront parks. They are 27th Avenue Beachfront Park, Flagler Avenue Beachfront Park, Esther Street Beachfront Park and Grayce Barck North Beach Community Park.



New Smyrna Beach and Volusia County residents are eligible for free parking passes for passenger vehicles but must pick up a decal at the City’s Recreation Department at 1000 Live Oak Street or City Hall.

For more information on the parking initiative, please log on to www.ParkNSB.com or call 386.424.2100.



New home-side bleachers

At the kick off game of the 2015 high school football season, fans were greeted with new home-side bleachers, press box and sound system at the New Smyrna Beach Sports Complex's Municipal Stadium.

The stadium is the go-to regional sports facility in Southeast Volusia County. It is home to the New Smyrna Beach High School football team and also hosts other high schools and sports. The new bleachers seat 2,701 fans on the home side of the field. This is in addition to 1,000 bleacher seats that were replaced on the visitor's side in 2013.

Project costs totaled nearly \$1.1 million. The Volusia County School Board assisted with funding by paying \$500,000 toward the project over two fiscal years.



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Central Beach project nears completion

The Central Beach Flood Mitigation and Utility Improvements Project has moved quickly and stayed ahead of schedule. By the end of 2015, the project was 90 percent complete.

This final phase of a three-phase project began in the fall of 2014. When complete, it is expected to reduce stormwater flooding in the Central Beach area. The Central Beach area is bounded by Atlantic Avenue on the east, Second Avenue on the south, and the Indian River on the west.

For more information on the project, please visit www.cityofnsb.com/centralbeach.





Projects completed in 2015

N. Causeway boat ramp (right)

Boaters and shoreline anglers using the western North Causeway boat ramps are enjoying an improved facility. New upgrades provide a more efficient and convenient launch facility that also complies with current ADA guidelines.



New Manatee All Children's Playground (left)

More than 300 area youth offered design ideas for the new, sea-themed playground in Riverside Park. Manatee All Children's Playground includes three main structures – a lighthouse with submarine tunnel, a pirate ship and a sandcastle.



Colony Park Road extension (right)

In April, the City opened a new section of roadway to offer drivers a more direct route to S.R. 44. The Colony Park Road extension ties into Otter Boulevard and then Pioneer Trail. In addition to the two-lane road extension, a 10-foot pedestrian sidewalk lines the roadway and ties into the New Smyrna Beach Multi-Use Trail.



Planned Capital Improvement Projects 2016-2020

- **City Hall renovation & historical building purchase**
- **N. Causeway/Coronado Island beautification**
- **Holland Park**
- **Marianne Clancy Park**
- **Live Oak Cultural Center**
- **Swoope Boat Ramp parking expansion**
- **Coast to Coast Trail expansion**
- **Islesboro Stormwater Project**



Where the City's money comes from

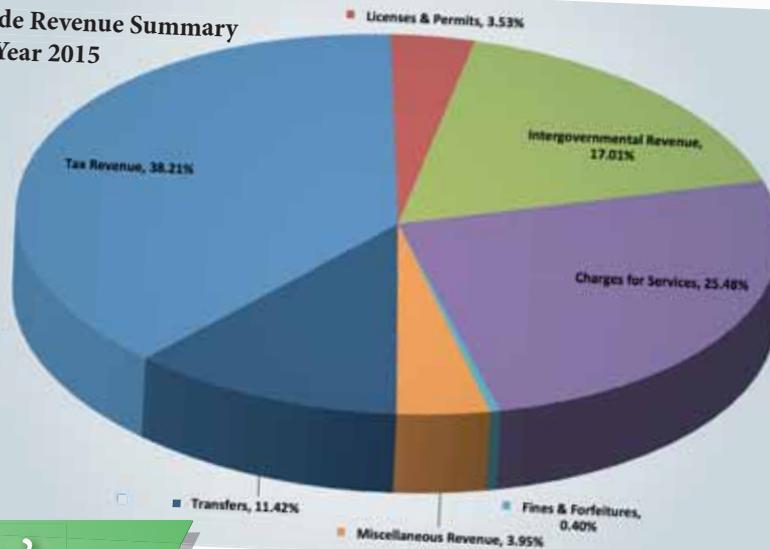
The City of New Smyrna Beach's revenues are derived from taxes, fees, charges for services, special assessments and grants.

REVENUE SUMMARY

Tax Revenue	\$ 19,151,147
Licenses & Permits	1,767,080
Intergovernmental Revenue	8,526,742
Charges for Services	12,768,278
Fines & Forfeitures	201,262
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,979,882
Transfers	5,724,401
Total Revenue	\$ 50,118,792

2014-15 ESTIMATED

Citywide Revenue Summary
Fiscal Year 2015



Where the City's money goes

Revenues are designated for various funds for projects as seen below. The general fund is the City's general operating fund.

FUND SUMMARY

General Fund	\$ 22,128,016
Stormwater Fund	8,007,024
Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund	38,538
Airport Fund	3,780,594
Impact Fee Funds	497,600
Building & Inspection Fund	1,603,895
Parking Fund	183,054
Community Redevelopment Agency Fund	2,026,227
Debt Service Fund	2,423,394
Capital Projects Fund	1,675,757
Golf Course Fund	1,125,046
Sanitation Fund	5,288,808
Marina Fund	285,486
Fleet Fund	1,055,354
Total Estimated Actuals	\$ 50,118,792

2014-15 ESTIMATED

Each year the City publishes a Comprehensive Financial Report, which contains detailed information on the City's revenue and expenditures. Reports are available online at to www.cityofnsb.com/Finance



'Babe' James Community Center expanded

In April, New Smyrna Beach celebrated the reopening of an expanded Alonzo 'Babe' James Community Center. The center plays an important role for the Historic Westside Community and the City as a whole. The expansion allows the center to host larger groups and better accommodate community service programs for our youth and seniors.

The long-anticipated expansion project added 1,646 square feet of space to create banquet seating for 250 people and a more secure entry. The project cost was nearly \$861,000 including design, permitting, construction and portable housing for programs during construction.

The project was funded jointly by the City and the County of Volusia through the City's Community Redevelopment Agency.



Community Redevelopment Agency update

In October, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) of the City of New Smyrna Beach ended after 30 years with the conveyance of its assets to the City.

During its three decades, the CRA provided more than \$22 million for 32 capital projects, including streetscapes in the historic commercial districts on Flagler Avenue, Canal Street, and the Historic Westside Community, as well as new parks and park improvements throughout the district. More than \$3 million funded 181 grants for private property improvements. Today dramatic results are seen in the revitalized core areas.

The Volusia County Council has approved a new CRA in the City, which will fund projects on U.S. 1 and in the Historic Westside Community in its first 10 years. The new CRA was approved for a total of 20 years and will generate \$15 million for capital projects and economic development incentives.



Community Redevelopment Agency