

Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce



February 2010

Celebrating Over 15 Years of Support to the Flagler Beach Business Community!

New Beach Business Committee Forms

The Flagler Beach Chamber is launching a new Beach Business Issues Committee. This will be a committee of beach businesses coming together to discuss issues that impact their businesses. Topics discussed will vary widely—It may be a new ordinance at the commission level, it may be street construction. It may be a congressional vote or grant opportunity. It may be as minor as how many business cards can be put in the Visitors Center. Whatever the issue is, we want to deal with it locally. Once the committee is formed, it will set the meeting location, date and time.

Our kick-off event will be held on February 23rd at 6 pm at the George Wickline Senior Center, 800 S Daytona Avenue in Flagler Beach. Peggy Heiser, Vice President of Tourism Development from the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce & Affiliates, will be the guest speaker. ALL Flagler Beach businesses are invited to attend.

We will also discuss the changes we are making to the Fabulous 4th event that are designed to include more Flagler Beach Chamber members.

We also plan on having a representative from Flagler Beach Businesses sit on the Business Issues Committee at the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce.

Contact: Carol Fisher, Committee Chair, at 338-2484 for more info.

Business After Hours Meeting

Many Thanks to...



Eddie Herrera of Bella Homes of Distinction

...for Hosting Last Month's Business After Hours!

Our February, 2010 meeting will be hosted by:

**Flagler Auditorium
5500 East Hwy 100
Palm Coast, 32164**

[on the campus of Flagler Palm Coast High School]

**Date & Time: 5:30 pm on February 18, 2010
Call (386) 437-7547 for Directions**

This month's Business After Hours is a great opportunity for you to earn points in the Chamber's Membership Game and to gain free admission to the after hours event. Simply invite a non-member business associate to join you, and then write their contact information on the back of your business card and give it to Kim Carney or Kali Hurry. We'll talk to the potential member about Chamber benefits and their membership investment after the meeting. Your job is just to get new people to this event!! Why did you become a member? Probably because someone invited you to an event or gave you an application!

2010 Officers and Board of Directors

Chair:	Kim Carney	439-7685	Carol Fisher	338-2484	Joseph Pozzuoli	439-5650
Vice-Chair:	John Rogell	527-8884	Tom Gillin	931-7111	Lea Stokes	439-0134
Secretary:	Jennifer Johnston	437-4984	Marina Helm	439-5455	Neal Tipton	439-7775



A Note from the Chair



I am tremendously impressed with our area's activities and the opportunities we have for residents to come together and support each other. Our city, our county and, most importantly, our community will not give in to the fact that we have the highest unemployment rate in the state of Florida. From the "Homeless to Home" project, the great performances at the Flagler Auditorium, the Farmer's Market in Flagler Beach and the continuous fund raising events sponsored by all of our not-for-profit and civic organizations, we are a tenacious group of people helping people.

I have tried to help out as much as I can, and one of the benefits of helping is how good it makes me feel. Businesses all over Flagler Beach are putting their best foot for-

ward. I get the feeling that we will not give in to negativism. In times like we currently find ourselves, the best way out is planning and getting back to the basics. I find at my business that sticking with the fundamentals is key: meeting my customers' needs, going the extra mile and giving them a big "THANK YOU" for choosing my business are all very important.

We can succeed if we support each other's businesses. Keep networking and using the chamber to find ways to help. I challenge each of you to take the time to learn about the new and ongoing benefits of your Chamber membership. We have many, many resources, and most importantly we have a professional group of people that will do anything possible to help and support our businesses. See you on the 18th at the Flagler Auditorium Business After Hours!!

Kim



CRA Construction Activities Are Well Underway in City's Downtown Core

On Friday afternoon I caught up with Bill Groom (below left) and the CRA construction project in front of Chamber Member's business Uptown Fashion Company on S Daytona Avenue. I could relate to the mess of pipes "leading to nowhere." During a recent home remodeling project the most frustrating part of the project was trying to find out what was in (or not in) all of the pipes.



According to Bill there are many AT&T utility pipes that cannot be located until you dig. He called it "Dig and Find." Just as we ran

into wires and pipes everywhere in the walls and ceilings of our home remodeling project -- so is the situation under many of our main streets in the CRA. Bill explained how that slows the project down and how modifications have to be made as these pipes are found.

Bill is feeling some frustration -- as we all are. When all of the players came to the table to locate utilities, the exception was AT&T. So much time could have been saved if their engineer had provided underground plans, but this is not stopping Bill's crew of hard working, dedicated men.

We talked about the many projects he has done for the City of Flagler Beach. I know he is working hard to keep the project on schedule [continued next column].

I was amazed to see the plans for the 1,100 foot maze of 36" pipe that will be located under the parking lot on S 5th St. This will serve as the central drainage point for the thousands of gallons of storm water the system is designed to deal with.



By the time you read this newsletter a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, January 26 will have taken place. The project is

scheduled for completion in mid-March. Please watch your email, this newsletter and the cityofflagler-beach.com website for continuing information about the CRA project. Bill is aware of all the events and "goings on" in the City of Flagler Beach and assures me he is ready and able to provide a safe area for pedestrians and traffic throughout the city—by Kim Carney



Mary Stetler was presented with the Flagler Beach Chamber Member of the Year award at the Chamber's annual installation banquet. Past FB chamber president, Lea Stokes, presented the award and told the gathering about Mary's service while on the Board and as Chairwoman of the Board. Congratulations Mary!



Newest Flagler Beach Chamber Member Chi-Dog Specializes in Chicago Style Hot Dogs!

The Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome its newest member. Chi-Dog (pronounced shy-dog) is located in downtown Flagler Beach. They specialize in Chicago style hot dogs. For the uninitiated, that means a genuine Vienna all beef dog on a steamed poppy seed bun with the following Chicago style toppings: mustard, onion, green relish, tomatoes, sport peppers (similar to banana peppers), celery salt



The Chi-Dog brings the taste of Chicago with a hint of New Orleans to Flagler County.

and a pickle spear. If Chicago style is not your style, they offer chili, cheese and other toppings.

Owner John Manoni, originally from Chicago, has been in Florida for 38 years but moved to Flagler Beach to retire. In his case, retirement included opening Chi-Dog last May. Manoni has been involved with community events since the beginning. "We try to participate in everything. We were in the chili cook-off, the grill-off, the Taste of Flagler at the Tommy Tant Festival, and we were in the Fourth of July parade." Chi-Dog joined the Chamber last month and if their participation in the community is a good indicator, you will have a chance to see them around Flagler County. "We are proud to bring the taste of Chicago with a hint of New Orleans to Flagler County."

The manager of Chi-Dog is Lydia Guidry. As a native from New Orleans she brings her own distinct style as well. Chi-Dog offers snowballs served in the traditional New Orleans fashion. As you enter the shop the first thing you see is a wall of photographs featuring the "snowball kids". They depict large groups of kids at the shop enjoying a break from the hot summer sun.

Aside from hot dogs and snowballs, Chi-Dog offers a daily specials menu, chili by the bowl and Italian beef sandwiches. "As suggestions come in, we keep expanding the menu", explained Lydia. Be sure to check out their website at www.thechidog.com for a full menu, products and more. Or better yet, visit them in person at 210 South Central Avenue.

Volunteers and Sponsors Needed For Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Flagler Beach Chamber will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 3, 2010 at Veterans Park. The Chamber would like to invite local businesses to financially support this event by becoming a sponsor.



Sponsors making donations before March 1st will be mentioned in our advertising campaign before the event. Any businesses offering "Specials" that day we will announce them at the event. Send checks to PO Box 5, Flagler Beach, FL 32136 Attn: Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers are also needed to hide eggs and to help coordinate activities at the event. Contact the Chamber office at (386) 439-0995 for more information.

Local Resident Wants Flagler Beach Water Tower To Sport City's Name

Local resident Stan Drescher wants to see "FLAGLER BEACH" painted on the City's water tower on A1A at the City's southern border. Drescher has appeared before the City Commission and on WNZF and The



Beach 92.7 talking about his plan. Drescher is enlisting community support to raise the estimates \$6000 it would cost, and he believes the money could be raised by selling front bumper vanity plates for \$20 each.

The Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this fundraising project. Vanity plates are available at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum and Chamber Visitor Center located at 207 S Central Avenue in Flagler Beach. You can make your tax deductible donation to this project and display your vanity plate proudly. The Museum and Chamber Visitors Center is open Monday thru Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Corporate sponsorships are also available for \$100. Mr. Drescher is available for speaking engagements at clubs, functions and gatherings. For more information call (386) 693-4340 or send e-mail to standrescher@yahoo.com.



Music in the Park Concert Series Presents

STARS AT THE BEACH

American Idol Flagler Beach Style

Karaoke with a flare

All are welcome to participate

Cash prizes to top three contestants

February 5th from 6-9 pm by Veterans Park

3rd Annual PINE WOOD DERBY RACES

For a **FREE** Kit, Registration or Rules

Call 931-7111 or visit www.cityofflaglerbeach.com

For more information, please visit the City of Flagler Beach website at www.cityofflaglerbeach.com or call 386-517-2040.

Local merchants, businesses, restaurants and the Flagler Beach Historical Museum will be **Open Late** for your convenience. Food, fun and entertainment for all! Bring a chair or a blanket and relax—
Let Us Entertain You!

Support the Museum and WIN A Week on the Beach

You and up to 5 family or friends could win a week-long escape to a fabulous oceanfront home!

Tickets: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

Tickets are available at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum or at any participating merchants in the Villages Shops.

*Drawing to Take Place on February 5, 2010
At the Flagler Beach Music in the Park Celebration*



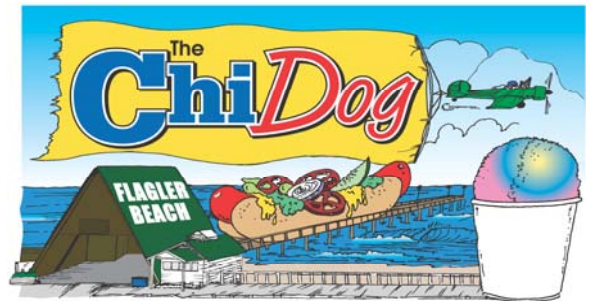
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All Are Welcome

The Chamber's Board of Directors meets at 5 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is February 9th at the Flagler Beach Fire Station. All members are welcome to join us. If you can't attend but have input for the board, please feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors listed on the front cover.

The Chamber Visitors Center is located in the Flagler Beach Historical Museum at 207 S. Central, right behind City Hall. Brochures or Flyers that would interest visitors to our area may be dropped off there between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. For all other business, contact the Administrative Office between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday at (386) 439-0995 or by Fax at (386) 517-2026.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact us if you have a few free hours each week.



"The Dog You Can Take To The Beach"

Chamber Members

Did you know that you can earn \$50 in Chamber Bucks that can be used as credit towards an ad in the Chamber Newsletter? Contact the Chamber for details!

Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome! Please contact Steve Kayworth at 904.540.6339 with your items of interest or send e-mail to skayworth@inbiznet.com