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Candidate for  
Village Council Seat #1



Guy Parker,  
Candidate for  
Village Council Seat #1



Kimberly S. Jackson,  
Candidate for  
Village Council Seat #1



Anthony Zweiner,  
Candidate for  
Village Council Seat #2



Janet Hernandez,  
Candidate for  
Village Council Seat #2



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COUNCIL SEAT 1



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Village of Indiantown  
COUNCIL SEAT 2



**Indiantown salutes 2020 grads**

The Village Council chose to recognize all of Indiantown's 2020 high school graduates with a socially-distanced parade through the heart of the village, organized by Angelina Perez, Chad Granese, Juanita Aguirre, Maribel Vargas, Vernestine Palmer, Vicky Yatsko, David Hafner, and Mayor Guyton Stone, representing the council. Could this be the beginning of a new tradition? **pg 10**

**Council buys above-value land**

Chomping at the bit to build a showcase Village Hall, the Village Council voted unanimously in July to spend \$1.45 million for land on Warfield Blvd. **pg 4**

**No Village employees from Indiantown**

Nearly \$1 million will be budgeted to pay village employee salaries and wages from Indiantown taxpayers, yet none are from Indiantown. **pg 5**

**Chamber's kids fishing tourney draws dozens**

Despite weather predictions, the sun shone and smiles abounded at Lake Annie as 85 kids caught bass, crappie and blue gill. Now their parents want their own tournament! **pg 23**

Voters can choose status quo, or change direction

The Village of Indiantown's second-in-history election August 18 may be even more important than its first one in March 2018, even if less symbolic.

Voters will either confirm the new direction taken by the first Village Council by re-electing incumbents Guyton Stone and Janet Hernandez in a non-partisan race, or will choose instead two others among the three candidates running for office, thereby rejecting the current council's push toward a big-government philosophy.

It's a 180-degree change in direction from the "government-lite" model proposed originally to Indiantown voters in

2017, the same model used by the City of Weston in Broward County for a population of 60,000 people with half the tax rate as Indiantown's.

The city has 10 employees, and it's what Indiantown Independence organizers had in mind when they convinced voters that a local government could be established without raising taxes, yet would accumulate around a \$3 million surplus each year.

"What bothers me the most are all the promises that are being broken and how fast that happened," says Tom Kenny, a member of the Indiantown transition team tasked with setting up the new government based on the In-

diantown charter approved by voters in November 2017.

Kenny, a former county commissioner who helped write Martin County's first Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, which was the only time the plan won awards from planning associations, had the experience considered vital to getting the village on the right track.

He was a significant contributor to the team comprising Scott Watson, president of Indiantown Independence, Indiantown natives Kevin and Marsha Powers, and Paul Nicoletti, an attorney and the retired Stuart city manager.

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- Fully fund completion of the C-44 reservoir/STA and construct others as protection against harmful discharges



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- Led the fight for funding so Veterans don't have to pay for bus transportation to the VA hospital in Palm Beach
- Supports system that enables Veterans to be picked up at their homes free of charge
- Personally escorted at least 15 World War II and Korean War Veterans on visits to their national memorials in Washington
- Supports the creation of a new Purple Heart Memorial at Indian Riverside Park to honor local Veterans killed or wounded
- Has supported additional senior living while also supporting the efforts of the Council on Aging and Alzheimer's Community Care



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# Cockeyed statistics basis for Brown's pay raise

As with just about anything the first time it's done, the Village Council's evaluations of Village Manager Howard Brown's performance was a little rocky; however, their comparisons to other city manager salaries bounced way off track.

Council members had been unaware they were required to perform an evaluation each January, a condition of Brown's contract, including any salary increase, until the end of January.

They wound up postponing it multiple times until April, after they settled on the evaluation forms they would use. They also asked Brown to compile a list of city manager salaries of cities with a similar population and budget as Indiantown, to which Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas objected, stating she felt the request would create a conflict of interest for Brown.

As a result, Village Attorney Wade Vose was tasked with compiling statistics from the Florida League of Cities' database of Florida's cities of comparable size as Indiantown. The spreadsheets he provided, which included a quick overview on around 20 cities in 2018 and 2020 with populations of around 6,000 to 7,000 residents, included benefits as well.

He also provided a salary survey bro-

ken out separately for Treasure Coast cities as far north as Ft. Pierce, none of which compare to Indiantown in size or budget. All the salary surveys were part of the agenda packet.

Brown, however, compiled his own survey of Martin County salaries, which was not included in the agenda packet. None of Martin County's municipalities compare in size and budget to Indiantown.

The council's salary discussion, led by Councilman Anthony Dowling, centered only on Treasure Coast cities and the spreadsheet of Martin County municipalities prepared by Brown.

Brown's survey did not include benefits, but it did include the number of years the manager had worked in that position for the city he or she served, excluding any years the employee worked for the same city in another executive position, which most had done.

Dowling recited each city manager statistic for each Martin County municipality, comparing them to Brown's "much greater experience" and certification, which Dowling said were relevant to their discussion.

In Brown's Martin County survey, he listed his number of years as a city manager as 7.5 years, two years more than his verifiable employment record, while

showing Stuart City Manager David Dyess as having worked less than 2 years, although Dyess is a 30-year Stuart employee and was Stuart Police Chief for nearly a decade prior to being asked by the Stuart commission to assume the role of city manager.

Brown also listed the salary of the Ocean Breeze city manager as \$192,000, when it actually averages \$15,000 to \$20,000, because Ocean Breeze City Manager Terry O'Neal is a contracted, part-time city manager.

During the council's discussion, the council members did not compare any of the salary statistics provided by Vose for nearby cities of comparable size as Indiantown, including Okeechobee (approximately \$90,000 annual salary), or Clewiston (\$103,000) or Dade City (\$89,000).

None of the cities listed for the Treasure Coast – which Dowling averaged to determine his initial salary request of \$148,000 – were comparable in size to Indiantown, except Okeechobee, which did not include the manager's salary in the survey spreadsheet provided by Vose.

Brown also used the combined budget total for Indiantown as a comparison to other budgets, which includes

MSTU payments that go directly to Martin County; thus comparing its \$11 million budget to only the general fund portion of other city budgets, which comprise only property taxes, other taxes and fees.

Brown also omitted residency requirements and required office hours, frequently required of city managers in other municipalities. ■

--Barbara Clowdus

## Village Manager gets major salary boost

Indiantown Village Manager Howard Brown Jr.'s grin likely got broader after the council voted in April to award him a \$26,333 raise in annual salary.

Councilman Anthony Dowling had initially proposed an increase of \$32,333; however, Dowling compromised with other council members by averaging their suggested increases to agree on an annual salary of \$141,333.

They did not adjust Brown's contract to require him to work a minimum number of hours weekly, or to reside in the county.

Mayor Guyton Stone voted against the increase "at this time" although he rated Brown's performance a 4.7 out of a perfect score of 5, due to the unknown impact of the economic slowdown on the village's upcoming budget.

Vice Mayor Janet Hernandez also dissented, because she preferred a salary range of around \$130,000 to \$135,000, she said, despite the fact she had given Brown a near-perfect performance score of 4.92 out of 5.

Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas said that Brown's salary was set just as his starting salary, and it's below the rates offered by other municipalities.

The salary increase takes Brown's base pay from \$115,000 annually to \$141,333, plus \$24,000 in cash benefits for use of his car, health insurance and retirement stipends, and 30.5 days annually in paid holiday, vacation, and sick days.

Brown can accrue up to 62.5 days, before losing credit for any days, all of which must be paid by the Village should Brown leave for nearly any reason, in addition to 22 weeks of severance pay.

The council also made the salary increase retroactive to Jan. 14, 2020, which was his one-year anniversary. His contract requires that he undergo a performance evaluation each January.

The council also approved automatic salary increases tied to the Consumer Price Index each January thereafter, subject to a satisfactory performance review and funding availability. ■

--Barbara Clowdus

## Voters

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Nicoletti served the first village council as interim village attorney, and now serves as the village's magistrate.

"Indiantown had been sending millions in tax money to Martin County every year, primarily because this was the county's industrial base," Kenny said, "yet when some of those industries died, the commission majority in power then killed all prospects of replacing those industries – and the jobs that were lost right along with them."

Incorporation was the only answer to determining Indiantown's future, to be able to grow the industrial and business sectors and invest in the village's infrastructure. Even with setting up the new government, after the first year when the village would receive its portion of the state's sales and gas tax revenues, in addition to taxes on village property owners, money would be left over for amenities, such as youth programs, enhanced educational and recreational opportunities, historic preservation and events.

"The key to the whole thing was the government-lite model," Kenny says, "to keep spending by government officials to a minimum by keeping government small."

It would rely heavily on residents to serve on citizen committees to screen potential contractors, to oversee the writing of the Village's first Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, to be appointed to a budget review committee as a budget watchdog, to be appointed as the Local Planning Agency, which recommends to the Village Council either approval or denial of development applications, in addition to the committees required by state statute, such as the Community Block Grant Citizen Committee, which imposes income limits to qualify.

The goal was to keep spending low, keep government small for flexibility and less cost in employee benefits, which was how residents could avoid the need eventually to raise taxes – the hope was, forever.

"Indiantown was in the perfect position to do exactly that," Kenny said, "but then they didn't follow through. It will be all right for a couple of years, but

they're not looking far enough down the road. The way they're spending money now likely will come back to bite them – and the taxpayers – later."

Council members disagree.

They begin their meetings with short dissertations to talk about their activities, concerns, and to respond to any criticism about the council's actions, including its perceived change in direction.

The village still uses contractors such as the village attorney, planning director, and engineer; however, they've also taken over nearly all government services from Martin County, instead of contracting with the county for its services.

This coming year, the village council intends to build its own fire-rescue department, or contract fire-rescue services to a private provider. A committee was formed earlier this month to prepare the fire-rescue RFP (Request for Proposal).

Each council member has said at various times that they are doing what's best for the future of Indiantown, by building "a solid foundation" for Indiantown's government.

Profiles of the council member incumbents and their challengers for Seats #1 and #2 can be found on pages 16 through 22, in both Spanish and English.

The choice will be in voters' hands on August 18.

As soon as the results are verified by either the village's canvassing board, if the council appoints one, or by the county's canvassing board, then the new council members will take office immediately at the next council meeting, which will be prior to finalizing the 2020-21 budget. ■

--Barbara Clowdus



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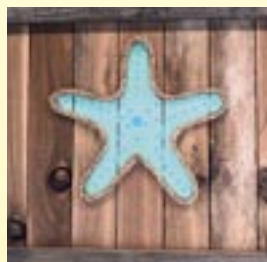
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## Buying high-priced land council's easy decision

Indiantown resident Thelma Waters, whom the late Art Matson used to call fondly the “unofficial mayor” of Indiantown, made her voice heard once again after several months of illness during the July 9 special Village Council's ZOOM meeting.

Her message to the council about its proposed purchase of land to build a village hall was simple: “Slow down ... you've just been around for two years,” she said. “You don't need to be in such a rush, especially when you can't see, don't know, what's ahead with this COVID thing.”

She suggested that they lease temporarily the vacant Indiantown Non-profit Housing building on Osceola Street temporarily, instead of buying land and building a multi-million-dollar government complex to give the council more time to assess the future economic impact on businesses, the village's budget, and on residents as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

“You don't know what your needs are yet, or what they're going to be,” she added, comparing the council to newlyweds who usually rent a home before buying permanently.

The Village Council listened politely, then proceeded with the purchase of a 5.1-acre parcel of land owned by the Rines family for \$1,450,000, nearly \$500,000 above the appraised value – a 30 percent disparity that triggers a state law and imposes a supermajority vote for approval.

The council's unanimous vote that followed demonstrated clearly that no council member found issue with the inflated price for the property facing Warfield Blvd.

They selected it as the site to proceed with building a Village Hall Complex in what Brown anticipated would take 12-18 months to complete.

At the same meeting, Village Manager Howard Brown introduced Alex de Urbizu of Mobile Modular Management, who described a 4,000-square-foot portable configured with 12 offices, six on each side of a large open space, that is available for rent at a \$4,600 monthly fee.

When Brown toured the INPH building in January, the rent was listed at \$3,500 a month.

Brown pointed out that remodeling would be required inside INPH, and the portable could be moved to the site within a “couple of weeks”; however, the cost of installation of utilities, the water and sewer lines, and a hardened parking lot would be borne by the village, as well as covering the \$40,000 fee for mobilization (tear down and set up).

Mayor Stone recommended that the village manager proceed with negotiations for the INPHI building, instead of pursuing the portable; however, Brown reminded the council that he'd already investigated the INPH building previously, and that the Village's deadline to leave the county's governmental complex is Sept. 30.

“Time is short,” he said.

(A check with the county after the meeting the next day revealed that should the Village need more time, however, it's “not a problem” to extend its lease as the Village needs, according to County Administrator Taryn Kryzda. “Someone just needs to let me know,” she added.)

Public comment followed Brown's presentation, which included comments from four people, including David Powers, president of INPH board of directors, who urged the council to consider the INPHI building as a more fiscally responsible choice.

It is “move-in” ready, he said, a 6,500-sq ft building hardened against severe weather events, a generator built-in, with all utilities already installed, a paved parking lot and large

conference room.

“It really makes no sense to rent the portable with all its additional costs,” he said.

Council discussion ensued, and the final motion directed the village manager to pursue the contract for the portable and to attempt to negotiate a satisfactory lease with INPH. The motion was approved, 4-1, with the mayor dissenting.

Waters, whose voice had grown slightly weaker as the meeting wore on, ended with, “I just hope you know what you're doing.” ■

## Village Hall finds temporary home

As painful as the process seemed to be at the Village Council's July 9 meeting, by the next regular meeting, a lease was approved to move the Village Hall into the vacant Indiantown NonProfit Housing building on Osceola.

All talk about moving a portable onto their newly purchased five-acre plot of land had ceased.

The Village's lease with INPH is effective for two years, beginning August 1, 2020, with a base rent of \$3,225.50 per month, at a rate of \$6 per square foot for 6,451 square feet, plus additional rent of \$537.58 per month, to cover all additional charges including common area maintenance, insurance, and property taxes.

The Village also is guaranteed an option to extend the lease for two, one-year terms.



# Indiantown's development code delayed by COVID

Unlike many other places that must work to recruit businesses and industry to their towns, Indiantown has projects knocking on its door waiting to get in.

The hold-up? Writing Indiantown's own zoning codes and land development regulations that will differentiate it from Martin County's codes, which restrict development and cater to suburban settings. The clash of growth philosophies was the primary impetus for residents to seek incorporation of the village, after a much-anticipated biomass project for Indiantown was frowned on by the county commission majority at the time and fiercely opposed by environmental activist Maggy Hurchalla.

First, however, the village had to write its Comprehensive Growth Management Plan that spelled out where and how growth would occur, which was completed in December 2019, one year ahead of schedule. A different planning consultant with extensive experience in translating a community's vision of itself into the codes and regulations that will allow building to occur was hired in mid-August 2019.

Calvin, Giordano & Associates of Broward County, which been contracted previously by Village Manager

Howard Brown when he was employed by the City of Opa-Locka as its planning director, was selected among three firms who gave presentations to the Village Council.

Two things stood out to council members: The \$110,000 fee was the lowest of the three, all well-qualified firms, and because its company officials assured the village they could have the project done in nine months, rather than the 12 to 18 months proposed by the other two firms.

That would mean a completion date of May 2020; however, they did not launch Indiantown's project until mid-November, which pushed the completion deadline to August 2020.

Silvia Vargas, FAICP, LEED AP, principal planner with Calvin, Giordano & Associates, assured the public during that November launch that they would be able to complete the project on time, assuring them also that they would send "modules" (chapters) to the village for comment as they were completed.

In addition to collecting comments at the launch meeting, which included instructions to "make it simple" so that residents can read and understand it; to include rules for "tiny home" develop-



ments and a truck stop; not to exceed the four-story height limit in commercial areas; and to allow wetlands mitigation, the CG&A staff also conducted two charrettes in February to collect more input.

Vargas said that additional suggestions included permitting commercial buildings of up to six stories in specific areas of the village, keeping residential construction at one or two stories, and creating a "green belt" to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

In May, the village issued a press release saying that the planning process had been slowed by the COVID-19 emergency. The new schedule would be for the consultant to receive public comment during the summer, and present the final draft to the Village Council sometime in the fall.

No date was provided.

Six chapters were sent to the village and to the Government Affairs Committee of the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce during the third week of July for their initial review. A meeting among Chamber members, many of whom have planning experience, the village's new Community Planning Director Althea Jefferson, and CG&A planners took place in Indiantown July 29.

Their written comments will become part of the public record, and will address such things as eliminating redundancy, simplifying the language, and creating incentives for the Village to work efficiently.

The major – and more complex – issues such as zoning and impact fees have yet to be tackled by CG&A.

After the draft is complete, a public session will be held for feedback from residents, property owners and businesses prior to preparation of the final draft.

"The goal is to create an Indiantown-specific code that is streamlined and easy to navigate for staff, residents and builders," said Vargas, in the village press release. "It will be very different from the Martin County code that is in effect now." ■

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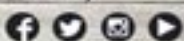


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## Cloth, shop towels can make better face masks

Perhaps no topic has prompted more ire among residents than whether or not to wear a face mask. With the President's admonition now that it's "patriotic to wear a face mask," more people are feeling more comfortable about the idea.

However, not all face masks are the same, and face masks alone will not stop the spread of COVID-19, which is the objective.

Medical professionals insist that face masks, social distancing and hand-washing all are essential to controlling the spread of this novel virus to which no one has immunity. Multiple randomized tests have been conducted by numerous hospitals, research labs, and universities, including Florida Atlantic, that show face masks work ... depending on the material used to make them.

The role of face masks has grown in importance, also, after the recent discovery that antibodies of those who've been infected do not seem to survive more than a few months, or less, evaporating the supposition that building herd immunity is the best defense.

"We may just have to learn to live with this virus for some time," said Dr. Deborah Birx, head of the White House Coronavirus Task Force during a recent briefing, acknowledging that even after a vaccine is developed, not everyone will want to be vaccinated.

"We can take control of this virus, though," she added, "by just taking the simple steps that we all know will work — wear a face mask, social distance, wash your hands."

The fabrics used to make a home-made mask, which range from an effectiveness of 10 percent to as high as 97 percent, will reduce the wearer's

emissions from their nose and mouth from spreading into the air no farther than around three inches. The virus can remain in the air for around three hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Tightly woven cloth can help protect the wearer from virus-laden air, too, although that's a much lower percentage, usually less than 30 percent effective, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, since masks do not fit the wearer's face tightly.

A surprise discovery by Wake Forest Baptist Health scientists is that cloth masks can be even more effective than surgical masks. So impressed by its own study, Wake Forest is using volunteers to sew cloth masks for its own medical professionals.

The key is the weave in the material. The more closely the threads are woven, the more effective the mask. To check the weave, hold the material up to a strong light or to the sun and if you can see the threads, the cloth is too thin.

One of the most effective materials, and least expensive, is a stretchy blue shop towel made from HydroKnit polyester, which requires one or two towels, adhesive tape, one paper clip, 2 rubber bands, and staples to make a face mask. Tests show that one towel stops 57 percent of emissions and two towels is as high as 97 percent.

It's important also to wash cloth masks regularly and toss paper masks after one wearing. A study in VietNam showed that face-mask wearers were 13 times more likely to become infected than those who wore no mask, because the masks were reworn multiple times between washings. For best protection, wear a clean one each day. ■





# New director outlines ambitious business goals

By Kerrie Tyndall

**O**ur plan is to develop the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce into a key player in supporting the economic development in the area.

Through strategic planning, we intend to support job growth, enhanced opportunities for businesses, assist with local innovation and strengthen operational performance by supplying the information and business tools to achieve sustainable growth and financial security.

We anticipate the Chamber's efforts will have long-term benefits for everyone who lives and works in Indiantown, whether or not they own a business.

Business tools will include;

- Business and Operational Plans
- Financial Analysis (self-populating)
- Supply Chain Improvement; Service & Operating Level Agreements
- Workforce Management (plans,



training, and grants)

- Benchmarking and Continuous Improvement Plans, Flow Charts for Best Practices
- Sales and Marketing
- Strategic Partnerships and Alliances

Chamber membership will support productivity, innovation, and performance by encouraging business owners to contribute their voice to key policy decisions, to attend events, take part in surveys, come to seminars and gain knowledge about the important issues and changes in their own industries.

"Smart Growth" will be our focus, and we will support each member in doing the same. Some of the industries that we will encourage to become part of our community include:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Corporate Headquarters
- Inotech
- Financial and Professional Services
- Research & Development
- Cleantech
- Aviation and Aerospace
- Emerging Technologies
- Global Logistics
- Life Sciences
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- Specialist Retailers

These industry sectors will enhance our existing companies with business advantages including jobs for this and the next generation, including apprenticeships, cadetships, and internships.

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Questions we will ask as your strategic business partner (not as just a membership organization):

- How do we guide quality improvement and assess our support program effectiveness?
- What are the biggest roadblocks that your organization faces?
- How do we best serve yours and our stakeholders, and what services do you need now?
- How do we support you, our member, by understanding what you need for your future?

Tell us.

And please join us! ■

## New chamber director has worldly experience with a countryside heart

**T**he first time I drove to the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce, I saw a truck parked at the intersection of Martin Highway and Allapattah Road; it was the man who sells Georgia peaches.

I made a mental note to stop and buy some on my way back to Palm City, where I now live.

It was about 7:30 a.m. as I turned left onto Allapattah Road, approximately 200 yards from that intersection, when I saw a five-foot alligator crouched on the side of the road. Now, being from Australia and having an instinctive fear of crocodiles, I found this sight more than a little disconcerting.

Crocodiles are incredibly aggressive, and as alligators are from the same scientific order, I felt it was appropriate to just stay in the car and drive carefully forward. And I did.

It was a Saturday. I was on my way to meet the interim executive director of the Indiantown Chamber for a first-day hand-over. She gave me the biggest smile and a hug when I arrived; if you know Hilary McKeich, you will understand what a perfect introduction it was to my new role.

Having worked as an executive director and business adviser working with SMEs (small and mid-size enterprises) for the Australian federal government, the Victorian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Australian Chamber, as well as the Women's Chamber of Commerce, I am eager to apply my skills and experience to benefit the broad range of businesses in Indiantown and the wider community.

Born in New South Wales, Australia, in the town of Temora (current population 4,054), even less when I lived there, my family were wheat and sheep farmers, at one point owning 38,600 sq. miles of land. I grew up riding motorbikes, and knew how to drive a John Deere combine harvester at age 14.



**Kerrie Tyndall**  
Executive Director

My father and uncle were some of the earliest farmers in the district to use reforestation to improve soil quality. We had solid experience in drought and bush fires.

I was schooled in Sydney, because there was not a high school, college or university nearby; but every holiday I would return home by train, and later by car when I had my license. I could not wait to get home. Give me the country over the city any day!

It is probably why I love the drive to and from the Chamber office.

Eventually I earned a bachelor of science degree with honors from the University of Sydney and a bachelor of business degree from the University of Southern Qld, and I completed advanced coursework at the Australian Graduate School of Management.

During my career I have had the privilege of working for organizations including the World Bank, on volunteer projects, with business start-ups, SMEs, and micro-businesses in India, Timor-Leste, and Peru, as well as for multi-national corporations, industry bodies, and the state and federal government.

Footnote: On my way back home, I looked for the man with the Georgia peaches. He was gone; however, my drive each day to and from the Chamber is a sheer delight. The Indiantown countryside is beautiful.

I am very proud to sign this: Kerrie Tyndall, Executive Director, Indiantown Chamber of Commerce.

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# Reporter depended on village manager for facts



**Barbara Clowdus**

*Unfiltered*

Simply unbelievable. Stuart News reporter Joshua Solomon wrote last week that Indiantown's sudden drop in its number of COVID-19 cases is due to the village's mask mandate – the first Martin County municipality to issue an order for residents to wear face coverings.

Solomon is wrong.

That abrupt decline in positive cases being reported now by the Health Department is due to the fact they ended their two-month push to test residents – the week before Solomon's story.

We know face masks could slow the spread of the virus if 80 percent of residents were them – now validated even by the President. It's simply that Indiantown's facts do not support Solomon's theory, for which he relied primarily on Village Manager Howard Brown to confirm.

Brown was quoted as saying, "Within a few days (of Indiantown's face-mask mandate), we saw a lot of compliance."

He never hesitated in attributing the decline just to the mask mandate.

You can see for yourself if mask compliance in Indiantown is near that 80-percent mark.

Just sit outside the Subway/Shell store for a few minutes, as I did on two recent Sundays. Of the 34 people who entered the Subway shop in 15 minutes on July 12, only 12 wore masks, and during 15 minutes on July 19, of the 31 people who entered the store, only 11 wore face masks. Or pick another busy store.

This means only around one third, 35 percent, of Subway's customers complied with the face-mask mandate, not nearly enough to stop the spread, and the majority of those were Hispanic, an observation of Indiantown's Hispanic community reiterated by Vice Mayor Janet Hernandez.

She confirmed to Solomon that in her neighborhood, at least, residents do wear masks; however, long after the mandate, her own father had been hospitalized with COVID for five days. Without doubt, the virus continues to spread here.

Indiantown's infection rate is around four times that of Hobe Sound's for about the same number of people within their ZIP codes and with increased testing. The challenge in Indiantown, however, often is finding a place to

self-isolate if more than one family lives in the same house.

Other communities with a similar issue set up sheltering sites at motels in nearby towns. Too expensive for Indiantown to rent motel rooms?

Hmm, it's okay for Indiantown to pay \$1.45 million for a parcel of land, spending nearly \$500,000 ABOVE its appraised value, but we cannot rent motel rooms? Perhaps there's a better solution here, but the truth is, no one is looking for it.

The urgency to find a solution is missing, in large part, because Indiantown's village manager – the village's CEO – also is missing. He's simply out of touch, likely because his life does not revolve around Indiantown.

Never has that been more evident than over the course of the five months of the COVID-19 crisis.

During that time, Brown ignored the countywide Emergency Operations Office's COVID strategy meetings in Stuart among village, county and state officials sharing facts and ideas, despite repeated notices. That's where a solution could have been explored for Indiantown's unique challenges.

Brown attended ONE time about five weeks ago.

After that, he sent the village clerk, because she lives in Port St. Lucie – much closer than West Palm Beach, where he

and his new wife, a West Palm Beach pediatrician, bought a home in March 2019.

You didn't know the village manager lives in West Palm Beach? He keeps that a secret, aided by the fact that the Palm Beach Property Appraiser blocks his address – allowed primarily for judges, police officers and domestic violence victims.

All the current council members approved his living arrangements. They also do NOT require he work a minimum of 40 hours a week for Indiantown, which likely is why the office is closed on Fridays. It gives him extra time to see clients of his own consulting firm, which has a West Palm Beach address not blocked by the property appraiser.

As Indiantown voters, we need to have council members who do a better job of holding the village manager accountable. We need council members who put Indiantown residents' needs first – above the needs and desires of the village manager. We need council members who are more than "good people."

We need council members who understand transparency and accountability and will demand it. Choose wisely on August 18.

*Barbara Clowdus is publisher of Martin County/Indiantown Currents and a new Indiantown resident.*

## El reportero dependía del administrador del pueblo para los hechos

By Barbara Clowdus

Simplemente increíble. El reportero de Stuart News, Joshua Solomon, escribió la semana pasada que la repentina disminución del número de casos de COVID-19 en Indiantown se debe al mandato del uso de mascarillas o cubiertas de cara en el pueblo, el primer municipio del Condado de Martin que emitió una orden para que los residentes usaran mascarillas.

Salomón está equivocado.

Esa abrupta disminución de casos positivos que ahora reporta el Departamento de Salud se debe a que terminaron sus dos meses de empuje para hacer pruebas a los residentes – la semana anterior a la historia de Salomón.

Sabemos que las mascarillas podrían disminuir la propagación del virus si el 80 por ciento de los residentes las usaran – ahora validado incluso por el Presidente. Es simplemente que los hechos de Indiantown no apoyan la teoría de Salomón, para la cual se basó principalmente en el Administrador del Pueblo Howard Brown para confirmar.

Se citó a Brown diciendo: "A los pocos días (del mandato del uso de mascarillas de Indiantown), vimos mucho cumplimiento". Nunca dudó en atribuir el declive sólo al mandato de la mascarilla.

Usted puedes ver por sí mismo si el cumplimiento del uso de mascarillas en Indiantown está cerca de esa marca del 80 por ciento.

Siéntese fuera de la tienda de Sub-

way/Shell por unos minutos, como lo hice en dos domingos recientes. De las 34 personas que entraron a la tienda de Subway en 15 minutos el 12 de julio, sólo 12 traían puestas mascarillas, y durante 15 minutos el 19 de julio, de las 31 personas que entraron a la tienda, sólo 11 traían puestas mascarillas. O elija otra tienda concurrida.

Esto significa que sólo alrededor de un tercio, el 35 por ciento, de los clientes de Subway cumplieron con el mandato del uso de mascarillas, no lo suficiente como para detener la propagación, y la mayoría de ellos eran hispanos, una observación de la comunidad hispana de Indiantown reiterada por la vicealcaldesa Janet Hernández.

Le confirmó a Solomon que en su vecindario, al menos, los residentes usan mascarillas; sin embargo, mucho después del mandato, su propio padre había sido hospitalizado con COVID durante cinco días. Sin duda, el virus continúa propagándose aquí.

La tasa de infección de Indiantown es alrededor de cuatro veces la de Hobe Sound para aproximadamente el mismo número de personas dentro de sus códigos postales y con el aumento de las pruebas. El desafío en Indiantown, sin embargo, a menudo es encontrar un lugar para auto-aislarse si más de una familia vive en la misma casa.

Otras comunidades con un problema similar establecen sitios de refugio en moteles en pueblos cercanos. ¿Demasiado caro para que Indiantown

alquile habitaciones de motel?

Hmm, está bien que Indiantown pague \$1.45 millones por una parcela de tierra, gastando casi 500.000 dólares por encima de su valor estimado, pero no podemos alquilar habitaciones de motel? Tal vez haya una solución mejor aquí, pero la verdad es que nadie la está buscando.

La urgencia de encontrar una solución está ausente, en gran parte, porque el administrador del pueblo de Indiantown – el director general del pueblo – también está ausente. Simplemente está fuera de contacto, probablemente porque su vida no gira en torno a Indiantown.

Nunca ha sido más evidente que durante los cinco meses de la crisis de COVID-19.

Durante ese tiempo, Brown ignoró las reuniones de estrategia COVID de la Oficina de Operaciones de Emergencia de todo el condado en Stuart entre los funcionarios del pueblo, del condado y del estado que compartían datos e ideas, a pesar de las repetidas notificaciones. Ahí es donde se podría haber explorado una solución para los desafíos únicos de Indiantown.

Brown asistió UNA vez hace unas cinco semanas.

Después de eso, envió a la secretaria del pueblo, porque ella vive en Port St. Lucie – mucho más cerca que West Palm Beach, donde él y su nueva esposa, una pediatra de West Palm Beach, compraron una casa en marzo de 2019.

¿No sabías que el administrador del pueblo vive en West Palm Beach? Lo mantiene en secreto, ayudado por el hecho de que el Tasador de Propiedades de Palm Beach bloquea su dirección – permitida principalmente para jueces, policías y víctimas de violencia doméstica.

Todos los miembros del consejo actual aprobaron sus arreglos de vivienda. Tampoco requieren que trabaje un mínimo de 40 horas a la semana para Indiantown, lo que probablemente es la razón por la que la oficina está cerrada los viernes. Le da tiempo extra para ver a los clientes de su propia empresa de consultoría, que tiene una dirección en West Palm Beach no bloqueada por el tasador de propiedad.

Como votantes de Indiantown, necesitamos tener miembros del consejo que hagan un mejor trabajo de hacer responsable al administrador de la aldea. Necesitamos miembros del consejo que pongan las necesidades de los residentes de Indiantown en primer lugar – por encima de las necesidades y deseos del administrador del pueblo. Necesitamos miembros del consejo que sean más que "buenas personas"

Necesitamos miembros del consejo que entiendan la transparencia y la responsabilidad y lo exigirán. Elija sabiamente el 18 de agosto.

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# Voters will answer yes or no on August 18



**Harold Jenkins**

*Guest Columnist*

**A**lthough we have only a few local races on the August 18 ballot, we also have an important referendum for voters to consider. It's the reauthorization of the "Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption," and its purpose is simple.

Bring new jobs to Martin County.

The referendum, if approved by voters, will help support the efforts of the Business Development Board of Martin County (BDB), which is tasked with informing the public about the exemption; however, I want to make sure our voters know that I support this initiative.

As the commission's liaison to the BDB over the last four years, I've closely followed the efforts to make sure the BDB's board of directors reflects the diversity of our community, including small business owners, larger employers, and representatives from local municipalities.

While, yes, much of its funding comes from the county, a portion of that

funding is from a business tax paid by local businesses, and it's far less than neighboring counties pay to their economic development boards.

I can affirm, we get a lot of "bang for our buck."

Central to the BDB's effort to support our existing small businesses, broadening the tax base, and strengthening the local economy is the county's "Jobs Creation Toolkit." Included in the toolkit, among other initiatives, is a building-fee relief, expedited review procedures for targeted industries, as well as the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, which we are asking you to extend.

First passed by voters in 2010, the exemption program was one of many county actions undertaken by the county commission then to help our local economy recover from the 2008-2009 Great Recession.

Only once during the exemption's 10-year lifespan has a company even applied for the exemption. It was not granted, because it did not meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance. I applaud that, because we should maintain a high threshold before granting such an option.

**It's so important, however, to preserve this option just in case the right company comes along in the future that would make a perfect fit for Martin County.**

As we're all painfully aware, our unemployment rate has risen drastically, from around 3 percent just five months ago, to 9 percent in mid-July with more than 9,500 jobs lost. Now is the time to use every tool possible in our jobs toolkit.

If the referendum is approved on August 18, eligible **existing** as well as **new businesses** that expand their facilities, purchase equipment, and create 10 or more jobs in targeted industries – manufacturing, processing and fabricating – MAY apply to have a portion of the county's ad valorem taxes temporarily reduced.

The exemption, if granted, only applies to the new improvements made to the property and new equipment, not to the value of the land. Indian River, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties, as well as the cities of Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce, all offer a similar exemption.

The intent is to encourage sustainable job creation by reducing some startup costs associated with expansion. Applicants first face a review, then a vote by the county commission in a public hearing.

If granted, the recipient must provide annual reports showing they've maintained the jobs and expansion related to the exemption. Failing to do so means the exemption may be revoked and back

taxes may be owed. It's a serious commitment by the business, as well as for the county.

The exemption does NOT give a cash payment, grant an automatic benefit, or decrease the tax base of municipalities, schools or special districts.

My personal background over the past 30 years in owning my own business, which now provides 100 jobs in Martin County, tells me how important this referendum is. The challenges of business ownership can be daunting, yet that experience is what prompted me to run for office. I was determined to improve customer service at the county level, which is happening now thanks to the support of my like-minded commission colleagues and an outstanding county staff.

Don't misunderstand me, though. I'm not talking about being a friendly door-greeter. Our commitment to customer service in local government means respecting the taxpayer and ensuring accountability for how every tax dollar is spent.

This exemption has the safeguards in place to do both, and the potential to help rebuild our economy. Please vote YES on the referendum on August 18.

*Harold Jenkins is chair of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners.*

# Los votantes responderán sí o no el 18 de agosto



**Harold Jenkins**

*Columna para los Invitados*

**A**unque sólo tenemos unas pocas elecciones locales en la votación del 18 de agosto, también tenemos un importante referéndum para que los votantes lo consideren. Es la reautorización de la "Exención de Impuestos de Desarrollo Económico Ad Valorem", y su propósito es simple.

Traer nuevos trabajos al Condado de Martin.

El referéndum, de ser aprobado por los votantes, ayudará a apoyar los esfuerzos de la Junta de Desarrollo Empresarial del Condado de Martin (BDB), que tiene la tarea de informar al público sobre la exención; sin embargo, quiero asegurarme de que nuestros votantes sepan que apoyo esta iniciativa.

Como enlace de la comisión con el BDB durante los últimos cuatro años, he seguido de cerca los esfuerzos para asegurar que la junta directiva del BDB refleje la diversidad de nuestra comunidad, incluyendo a los propietarios de pequeños negocios, los grandes empleadores y representantes de las municipalidades locales.

Si bien, sí, gran parte de su financiamiento proviene del condado, una

parte de ese financiamiento proviene de un impuesto comercial pagado por las empresas locales, y es mucho menos de lo que los condados vecinos pagan a sus juntas de desarrollo económico.

Puedo afirmar que recibimos mucho "lo mejor por nuestro dinero"

Central al esfuerzo del BDB para apoyar a nuestros pequeños negocios existentes, ampliando la base de impuestos, y fortaleciendo la economía local es el "Kit de herramientas para la creación de empleos" del condado. En el conjunto de instrumentos se incluyen, entre otras iniciativas, un programa de ayuda a la construcción, procedimientos de inspección acelerados para industrias específicas, así como la Exención Fiscal ad valorem para el Desarrollo Económico, que le pedimos que amplíe.

Aprobado por primera vez por los votantes en el 2010, el programa de exención fue una de las muchas acciones del condado emprendidas por la comisión del condado entonces para ayudar a nuestra economía local a recuperarse de la Gran Recesión del 2008-2009.

Sólo una vez, durante los 10 años de vida de la exención, una empresa ha solicitado la exención. No se concedió porque no cumplía los criterios establecidos en el decreto. Aplaudo eso, porque debemos mantener un umbral alto antes de conceder tal opción.

**Sin embargo, es muy importante preservar esta opción en caso de que la compañía adecuada aparezca en el futuro y sea per-**

**fecta para el Condado de Martin.**

Como todos sabemos, nuestra tasa de desempleo ha aumentado drásticamente, de alrededor del 3 por ciento hace sólo cinco meses, al 9 por ciento a mediados de julio con más de 9.500 empleos perdidos. Ahora es el momento de usar todas las herramientas posibles en nuestro conjunto de herramientas de trabajo.

Si el referéndum se aprueba el 18 de agosto, las **empresas** elegibles, tanto las **existentes** como las **nuevas**, que amplíen sus instalaciones, compren equipos y creen 10 o más puestos de trabajo en industrias específicas - producción, procesamiento y manufactura - PODRÁN solicitar que se reduzca temporalmente una parte de los impuestos ad valorem del condado.

La exención, si se concede, sólo se aplica a las nuevas mejoras hechas a la propiedad y al nuevo equipo, no al valor del terreno. Los condados de Indian River, Okeechobee, Palm Beach y St. Lucie, así como las ciudades de Port St. Lucie y Fort Pierce, ofrecen una exención similar.

La intención es fomentar la creación de empleos sostenibles reduciendo algunos costos de puesta en marcha asociados a la expansión. Los solicitantes se enfrentan primero a una revisión, luego a un voto de la comisión del condado en una audiencia pública.

Si se concede, el beneficiario debe presentar informes anuales que demuestren que ha mantenido los puestos de trabajo y la expansión relacionados con la exención. Si no se hace así, la ex-

ención puede ser revocada y se pueden adeudar impuestos atrasados. Es un compromiso serio para el negocio, así como para el condado.

La exención NO da un pago en efectivo, ni otorga un beneficio automático, ni disminuye la base impositiva de los municipios, escuelas o distritos especiales.

Mis antecedentes personales en los últimos 30 años como propietario de mi propio negocio, que ahora proporciona 100 puestos de trabajo en el Condado de Martin, me dice lo importante que es este referéndum. Los retos de la propiedad de empresas pueden ser desalentadores, sin embargo, esa experiencia es lo que me impulsó a postularme para el cargo. Estaba decidido a mejorar el servicio al cliente a nivel de condado, lo que está ocurriendo ahora gracias al apoyo de mis colegas de la comisión de ideas afines y un personal del condado sobresaliente.

No me malinterprete, sin embargo. No hablo de ser alguien que saluda a la puerta de forma amistosa. Nuestro compromiso de servicio al cliente en el gobierno local significa respetar al contribuyente y asegurar la responsabilidad de cómo se gasta cada dólar de los impuestos.

Esta exención tiene las garantías necesarias para hacer ambas cosas, y el potencial para ayudar a reconstruir nuestra economía. Por favor, voten SÍ en el referéndum del 18 de agosto.

*Harold Jenkins es el presidente de la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Martin.*





THE CLASS OF 2020

## A parade to celebrate Indiantown's future

The weather cooperated, lots of families and guests attended, even a few dignitaries came to Indiantown on Saturday, July 25, to salute Indiantown's Class of 2020 graduates.

The idea to do SOMETHING to celebrate Indiantown's graduating class – primarily from South Fork High School – came initially from Councilwoman Susan Gibbs-Thomas after the school district announced that all high school graduation ceremonies were canceled.

"They've worked hard for 12 years," Thomas said. "They deserve to be celebrated. They deserve this."

Within seconds, all the council members were nodding their heads in agreement and plans began to hatch for the Village Council to sponsor a car parade.

A few weeks later, even after the school district announced it would, indeed, hold an in-person, outdoor graduation ceremony Friday, July

24, the Village Council wanted to proceed. They settled on the Saturday following the school district's ceremony to have a graduates car parade from Big Mound Park to Post Family Park with family, friends, and neighbors cheering from the road banks.

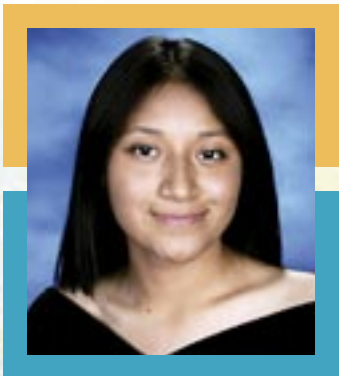
Cars were decorated with balloons, graffiti, flags, and broad grins – when they were not wearing their face masks! Goody bags and cupcakes were distributed at the end. Participants included School District Superintendent Laurie Gaylord, School Board Chair Marsha Powers, and Martin County Commissioner Harold Jenkins.

"You know, this is nice. It just might become an Indiantown tradition," Jenkins said after the parade, "but we ought to have the politicians driving the cars for the graduates!"

Jot down that idea for next year's Indiantown Graduate Parade! ■

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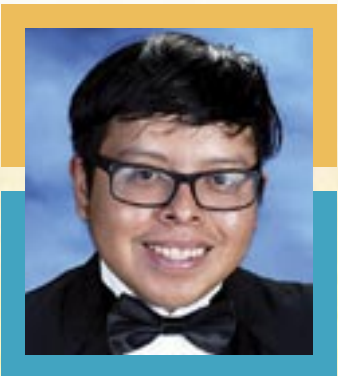




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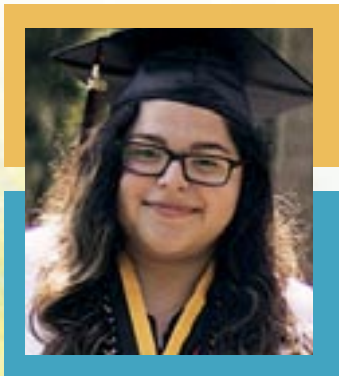
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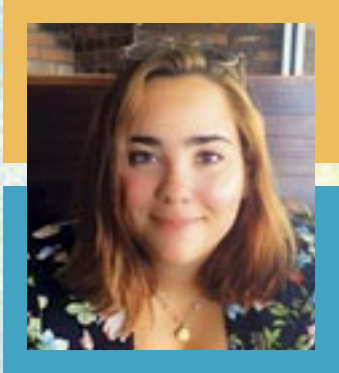
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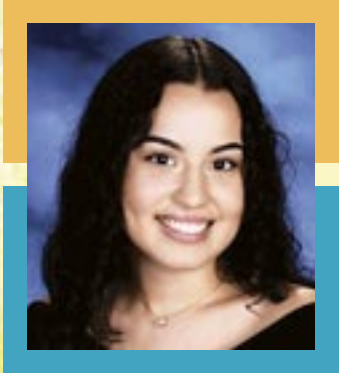
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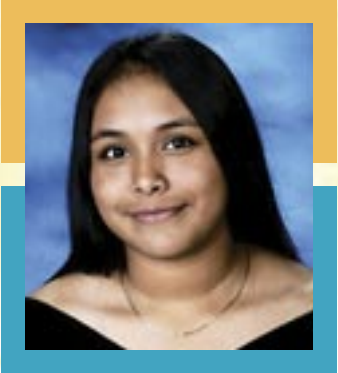
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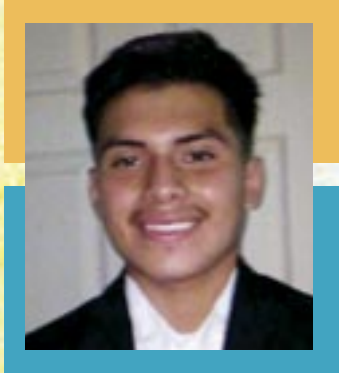
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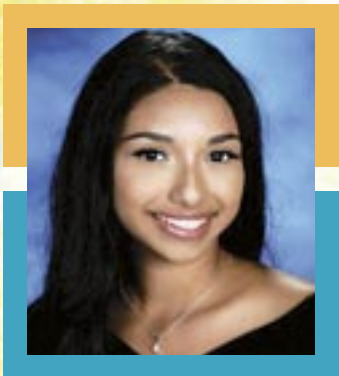
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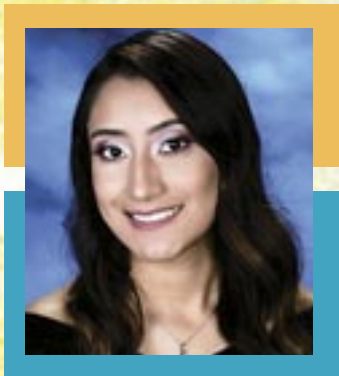
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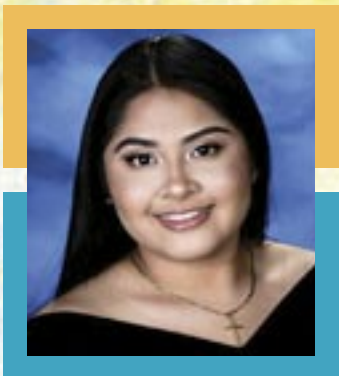
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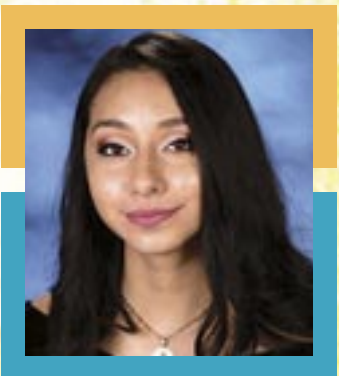
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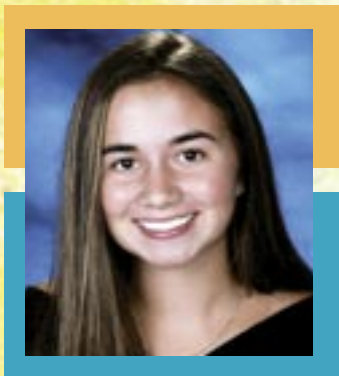
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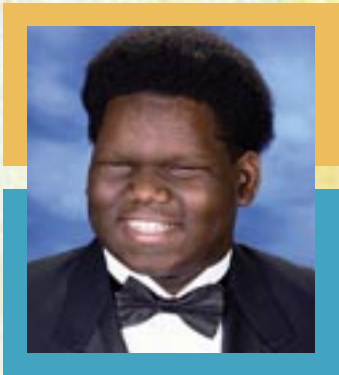
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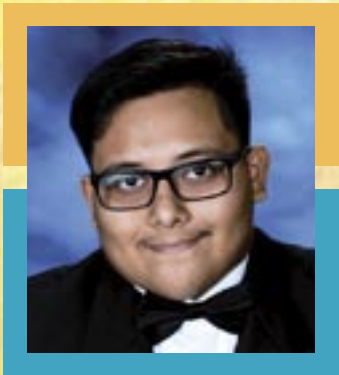
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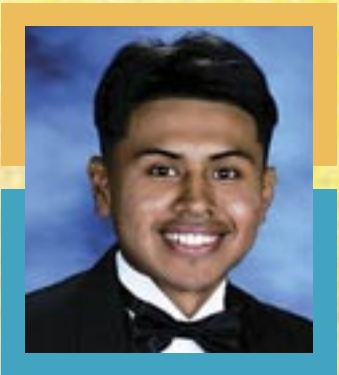
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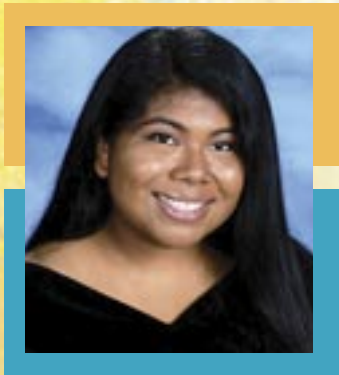
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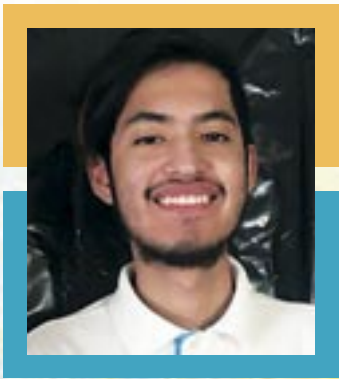


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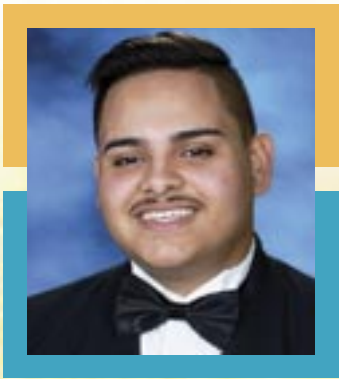


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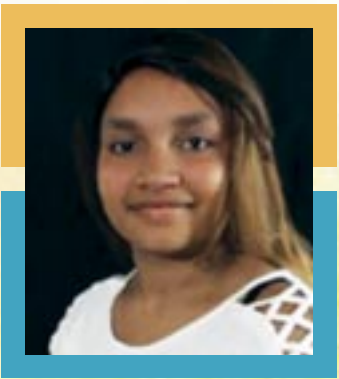
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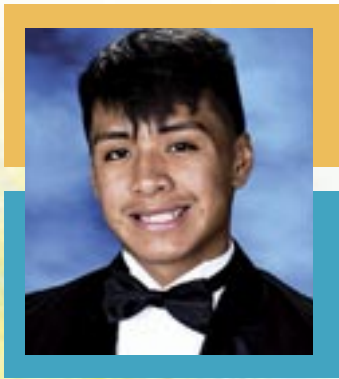
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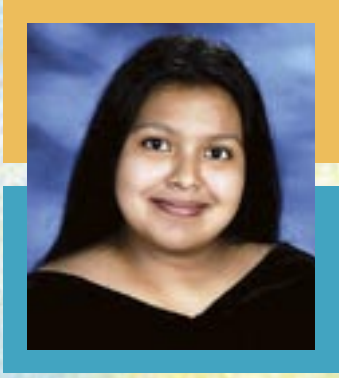
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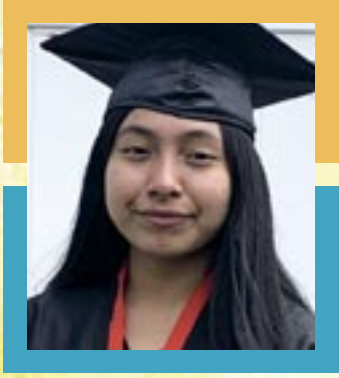
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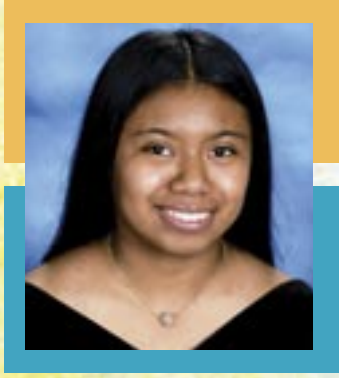
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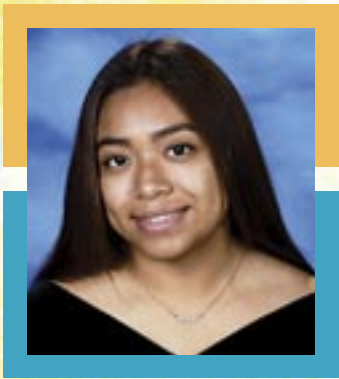
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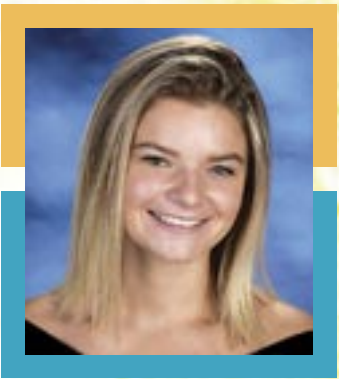
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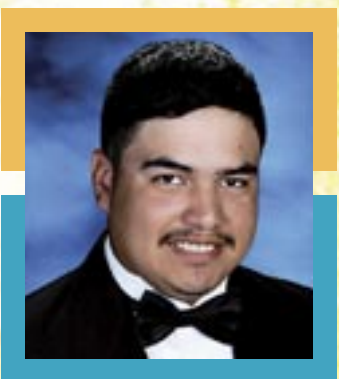
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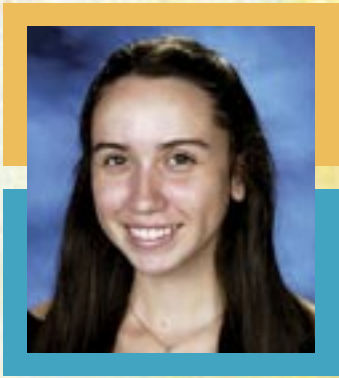
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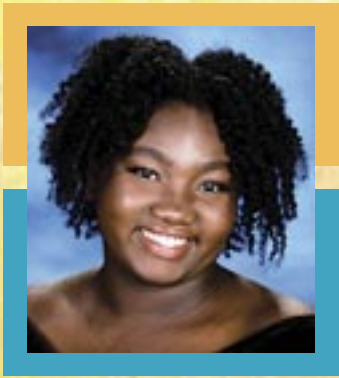
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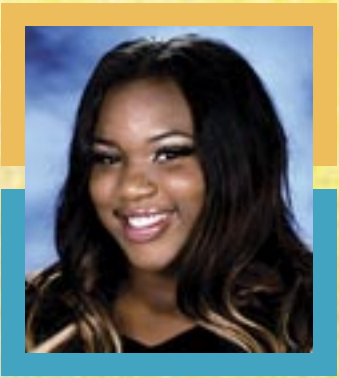
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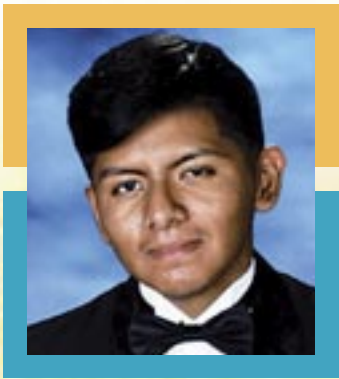


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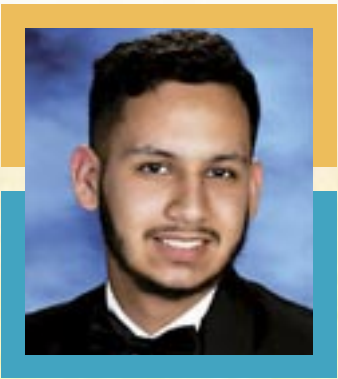




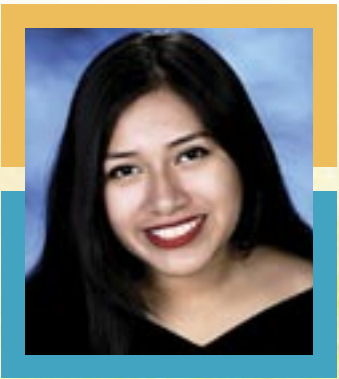
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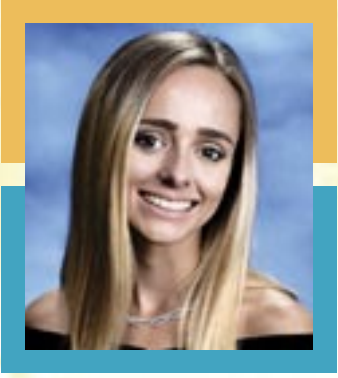
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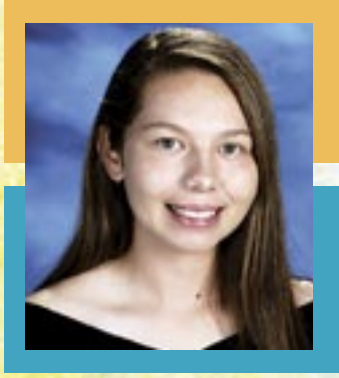
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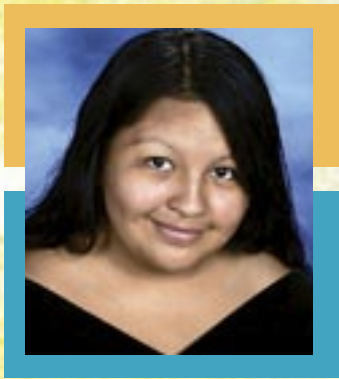
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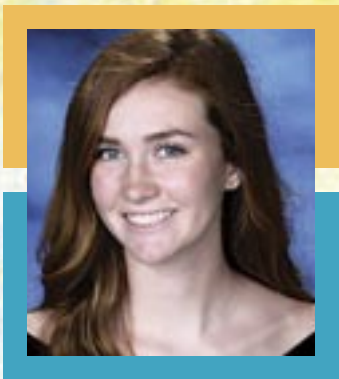
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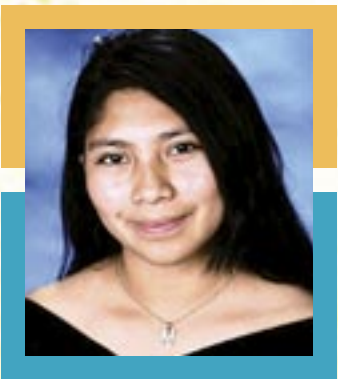
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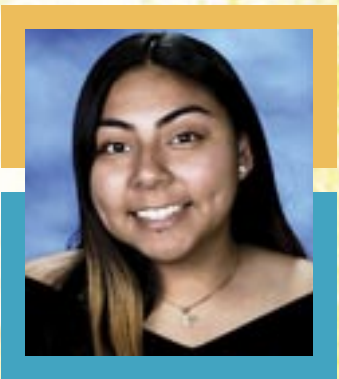
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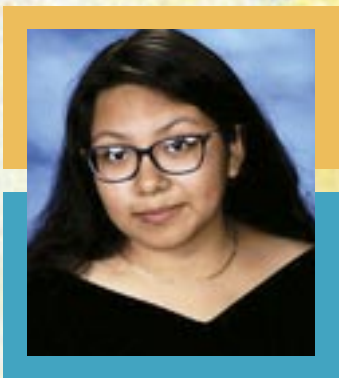
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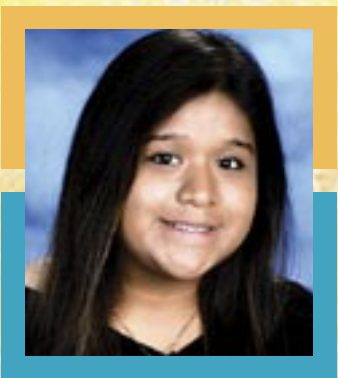
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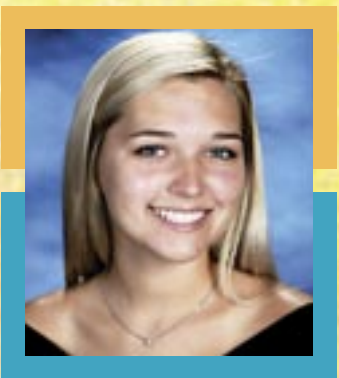
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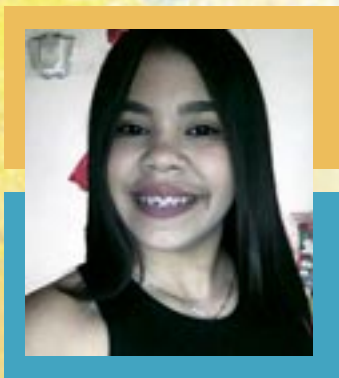
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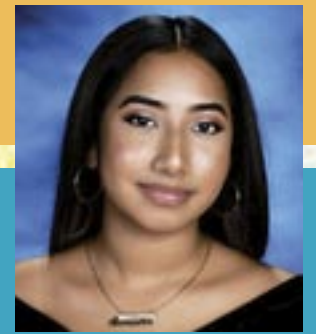
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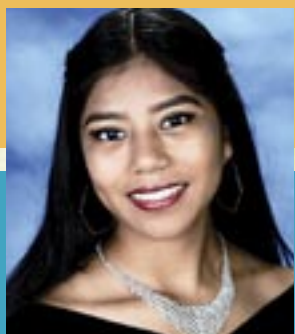
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# Congratulations to all our Seniors!

# ¡Felicitaciones a todos nuestros egresados!



# Primary to decide more than Village Council Seats

The most important election to Indiantown residents are the contests for Village Council seats, but other races also will be on their August 18 ballots.

Village Council candidates will be listed only on the ballots of those who live within the boundaries of the village and may be voted on only by registered Indiantown voters.

After the results are certified as accurate by either the county's or the village's canvassing board, the election is final. The new, or returning, council members will be sworn in at the next council meeting, which likely will be either August 20 or August 27, the beginning of their four-year terms.

They do not need to wait until after November's general election to take office, according to the village charter, as is the custom in Martin County's elections.

The ballot for the Village's Seat #1 race will include candidate Lauren Dowling; however, she withdrew her candidacy after the ballots were printed. Any votes for Dowling will not count.

Profiles of all Village Council candidates are on Pages 16-22, in both English and Spanish.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

Important to all Indiantown residents, living both inside and outside of the Village's boundaries, is the referendum that will grant a tax exemption of some county taxes for new or expanding businesses in Martin County.


State law requires that voters approve the exemption every 10 years.

It was first approved in 2010, but no business qualified to use it; however, with Indiantown on the verge of creating its own land development regulations, it's likely that the tax exemption will help recruit new and much-needed industry and business to the village.


The most notable requirement for a business to earn the tax credit is proof that it will create at least 10 new jobs. The exemption would be effective immediately upon approval by the county commission, allowing construction to begin without the burden of paying all county taxes as a new facility is built or equipment is purchased. (For more detail on the referendum, see Page 9.)

Also on the ballot are county, state and federal candidates. Since it's a primary election to select a candidate to represent the Republican and the Democratic candidates running for their offices in the General election Nov. 3, ballots for voters registered as Republican, Democrat, or Independent all will be slightly different, depending on his or her party.


COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL  
PRIMARY RACES  
Registered Republicans will decide




**Guyton Stone,**  
Candidate for  
Village Council  
Seat #1




**Guy Parker,**  
Candidate for  
Village Council  
Seat #1



**Kimberly S. Jackson,**  
Candidate for  
Village Council  
Seat #1



**Anthony Zweiner,**  
Candidate for  
Village Council  
Seat #2



**Janet Hernandez,**  
Candidate for  
Village Council  
Seat #2

support of business expansions and Indiantown's incorporation, and moving the Martin County Fair to Indiantown; and Jo Neeson, an environmental activist and member of BullSugar, who stated on her campaign page that she switched from the Democrat Party to the Republican in order to vote as a Republican in District #1. The district covers primarily Jensen Beach.

**Federal District #18, Representative in Congress** includes the incumbent, Brian Mast of Palm City, and his challenger, Nick Vessio, a retired police sergeant, which includes all of St. Lucie, Martin and northeast Palm Beach counties.

**District #82, State Representative** is the seat currently occupied by Republican Rep. MaryLynn Magar, who reaches the end of her term in November. Three contenders are vying for the Republican nomination for District #82, which encompasses all of Martin and north Palm Beach counties.

Two candidates have not held office previously: John Snyder of Martin County and Rick Kozell of Palm Beach County. The third contender is Carl Domino, who has held the same seat previously, and lives in Palm Beach County.

The Republican winner of this primary will face Democrat Elisa Ackerly of Indiantown in November's general election.

Ballots for **Registered Democratic voters** will include these races:

**Federal District #18, Representative in Congress**, an area that includes all of St. Lucie, Martin, and northeastern Palm Beach counties, will face the Republican primary winner, as well as non-partisan candidate K.W. Miller in the General Election. Democrats must choose between Pam Keith, an attorney and former Naval officer, and Oz Vazquez, an attorney and a former Deputy Solicitor General.

**District #82, State Representative** has just one candidate, Elisa Edwards Ackerly of Indiantown. Since she's running unopposed in the primary, her race will pick up steam as she challenges the winner of the Republican primary on August 18. Her district encompasses all of Martin and north Palm Beach counties.

All ballots will include the race for property appraiser between Jenny Fields, the current deputy property appraiser, and Kelli Glass Leighton, who resigned from the Stuart City Commission to run for this seat, currently occupied by Laurel Kelly.

Also, the election of a new Circuit Court judge for the 19th Judicial Circuit that encompasses Martin and St. Lucie counties will be on all ballots, a race between Lou Larsen and Victoria L. Griffin, in addition to the Tax Exemption Referendum. ■

Property Appraiser Universal Primary Contest Tasador de Inmuebles Contienda de Primaria Universal (Vote for One) (Vote por Uno)	County Referendum Referéndum del Condado
<div><input type="radio"/> Jenny Fields REP</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Kelli Glass Leighton REP</div>	<b>Economic Development Incentive Ad Valorem Tax Exemption For New Businesses And Expansion Of Existing Businesses</b>  These exemptions would provide economic incentives assisting new or expanding businesses that will have a positive economic impact on Martin County's economy. Exemptions don't apply to school or city taxes.  Shall the Martin County Board of County Commissioners be authorized to grant, pursuant to s. 3, Art. VII of the State Constitution, property tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses that are expected to create new, full-time jobs in Martin County?
<b>Circuit Judge, 19th Judicial Circuit Group 11 Juez de Circuito del 19, Circuito Judicial Grupo 11 (Vote for One) (Vote por Uno)</b>	<b>Exención Al Impuesto Ad Valorem Por Incentivo De Desarrollo Económico Para Nuevos Negocios Y Expansión De Negocios Existentes</b>  Esas exenciones proveerian incentivos económicos para ayudar a negocios nuevos o en expansión que tendrán un impacto económico positivo en la economía del Condado de Martin. Las exenciones no aplican a los impuestos escolares o municipales.
<div><input type="radio"/> Victoria L. Griffin</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Louis "Lou" Larsen</div>	<div><input type="radio"/> Yes For authority to grant exemptions Si, a favor de la autoridad para conceder las exenciones</div> <div><input type="radio"/> No Against authority to grant exemptions No, en contra de la autoridad para conceder las exenciones</div>
<b>Village of Indiantown Pueblo de Indiantown</b>	
<b>Village Council Seat 1 Consejal de la Pueblo Escaño 1 (Vote for One) (Vote por Uno)</b>	
<div><input type="radio"/> Lauren Dowling</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Kimberly S. Jackson</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Guy R. Parker</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Guyton Stone</div>	
<b>Village Council Seat 2 Consejal de la Pueblo Escaño 2 (Vote for One) (Vote por Uno)</b>	
<div><input type="radio"/> Janet Hernández</div> <div><input type="radio"/> Tony Zwiener</div>	

who will represent their party in these contests:  
**District #1, Martin County Com-**

**mission** has two Republican candidates: Doug Smith, the incumbent, who has been active in environmental issues,



## Guyton Stone | CANDIDATE FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT #1

# Living proof of the American dream

(From Candidate's website)



**G**uyton Stone, currently Mayor of Indiantown, was born in Jamaica and moved to Indiantown at age 14. The Village's warm welcome and unconditional acceptance

embedded in him a deep love for his community that has persisted his entire life and compelled him to serve.

He reestablished the local Cub Scout Pack 818 and Boy Scouts of America Troop 818, serving as Scoutmaster for both. He's also been active in the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce, for which he serves as the Village Council's representative, and volunteers with the Indiantown Rodeo, the Indiantown Christmas Parade, Indiantown Youth Sports Club, Habitat for Humanity, and the House of Hope.

He currently also serves on the Florida League of Cities Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Policy Committee to promote Indiantown's interests in the state legislature.

An entrepreneur and local business owner/CEO, Stone turned his woodworking skills into two successful businesses – Guyton's Custom Design Inc., a home improvement business, and GUYTON® Industries, LLC., a custom furniture and



Guyton Stone, seated, a volunteer and member of the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce promoting the Indiantown rodeo!

cabinetry manufacturing business – both co-located within Village boundaries.

It was this affinity for community service that compelled him to run for office in January 2018. In March 2018, he was sworn in as a Village Council member and selected by his fellow Council Members to serve as the first Vice Mayor of Indiantown. He was se-

lected by the Council in 2019 to serve as its first Black mayor.

Mayor Stone's goals and priorities for the Village of Indiantown are to encourage positive activities for youth, protect tax dollars, support public safety, promote economic development through entrepreneurship, training, and development programme. ■

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR OFFICE?

As Mayor of Indiantown and a longtime resident, I've been honored to help contribute to the growth and prosperity of our friendly small town. Personally and professionally I know how important it is that we continue to innovate and adapt to the ever-changing times we are find ourselves in. The Village Council, Village Hall, and everyone in the greater Indiantown community is working tirelessly to write a new chapter in our lives.

We've accomplished much in the last few years. There is still so much to do. Now is not the time to slow down. It is the time to act.

I promise to continue pursuing meaningful steps towards a stronger infrastructure for our village including the acquisition of a private water and sewer system that will change the way we live in Indiantown. The system was acquired at a price well below fair market value, and its purchase will be completed by Sept. 30, 2020.

Road and drainage improvements are important, and we have already made great progress with the addition of street lights on all major roads in the city. The council has also begun the process of repairing all the roads in our village, and I promise to continue to invest in road and drainage improvements by applying for grants specific to road improvements and a more efficient drainage system.

In order for Indiantown to continue to be a place where people want to live, work and play, community development is essential. Continued efforts are being taken to ensure that we are continuing to invest in housing for the residents of our community. I promise to continue to focus on affordable housing options, retirement communities, assisted living facilities, as well as standard residential improvements.

Part of our economic plan includes attracting manufacturing to increase the quantity of quality jobs in the area. As a part of our entertainment plan, we are working to attract more entertainment businesses to the area, giving all residents a new and fun way to spend their leisure time and spread their newfound economic prosperity.

Reelect Guyton Stone for Village of Indiantown Council Seat 1, so we can continue to build a community that we can be proud of! ■

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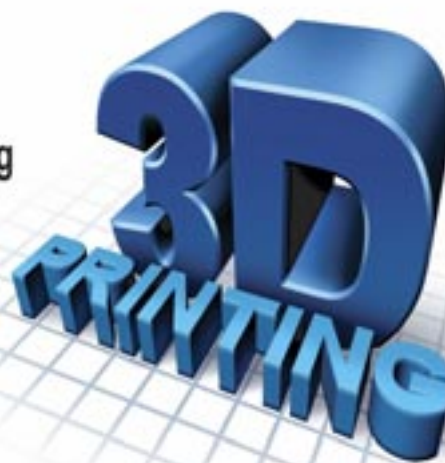
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## Guy Parker

CANDIDATE FOR  
VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT #1

# Parker's skills, passion iTown-ready!

(Submitted  
by Candidate)

**N**ow employed at iTown Rail & Commerce, I hold a BS degree in construction management from Syracuse University in upstate New York, an area where I was raised; however, the majority of my career has been spent supervising many of south Florida's multi-million-dollar construction projects.

I lived in Jupiter for 25 years, where I met my wife, MaryBeth and her two sons. We decided almost two decades ago that Jupiter had lost its charm, so we started looking for a new home to purchase, which we found in our dearly beloved Indiantown.

I served for two years on the NAC with Thelma Waters and Art Matson for Indiantown's Community Redevelopment Area as we developed a wonderful revitalization plan for Indiantown, which has been abandoned by the current council. I want to resurrect Indiantown's CRA, which focused on the Village core and will include development of youth programs and community events – instead of building a government



Guy Parker, standing behind his wife, MaryBeth, with their two sons, their wives, and their first grandchild!



Candidate Guy Parker relaxes at his Indianwood home with Princess!

bureaucracy, which is happening now.

I also served on the Metropolitan Planning Organization during the time that the Big John Monahan bridge was being built, as well as serving on the Citizen Committee for disbursement of the Co-generation Fund for Indiantown. (Something the Village Council "forgot" to do last year, so they've got \$40,000 this year to disburse to Village non-profits, instead of \$20,000.) I also was appointed to the first citizen committee to find the most-qualified

consultant to serve as the Village's new Building Department, which continues to work well and be effective.

I'm ready to continue my service to Indiantown with passion and dedication to ALL residents of this special place. ■

### WHY AM I RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

The Village of Indiantown is about to embark on some major drainage, sewer and water line construction projects, including building a Village Hall complex, I realized that my 40 years of experience in construction would serve Indiantown well at this time.

We need someone on the Council with my background to cut down on the cost of consultants!

Also, as an Indiantown homeowner and taxpayer, one of my major concerns is the Village's stated intention of creating its own fire-rescue department, which is now paid for primarily through FPL's taxes (86 percent of Indiantown's fire-rescue cost) and provides superior service to Indiantown. This proposed initiative has caused great concern among our residents, including me, and I will not settle for anything less than what we have right now.

I also feel strongly that we need to RETURN to our original Indiantown vision and residents agree, because they've told me the same thing. We remember the vision, but the Village Council seems to have forgotten it altogether. This is what I remember:

- To keep government SMALL to prevent raising taxes. Taxes were raised in our first year with the promise they would be lowered the following year, or as soon as the Village started receiving our fair share of state tax revenue. Still waiting on that...and without some BRAKES on Village spending, we can forget ever having lower taxes!

- Get our own Comp Plan and Land Development Regulations written in the FIRST two years so we can bring new JOBS to Indiantown. The Comp

Plan is done, but not the LDRs. Still waiting on that, and so are lots of businesses that are knocking on Indiantown's doors!

- Put the interests of Indiantown residents and youth at the TOP of the village's priorities. Remember how excited we were to make life better for our residents and especially for our youth? Not seeing much of that.

- We wanted to bring our CRA vision to life, including a golf-cart connection between Indianwood and Indiantown's business district and throughout the entire Village; to make Warfield safer for pedestrians and vehicles; celebrate our diverse heritage with festivals and special events; and to beautify downtown. Still waiting on that and MUCH more!

Yes, we've seen some maintenance paving on our roads, but we need much more than what's been funded, and yes, we're on the path to buy the water plant, which also was part of Indiantown's original plan. But it's not enough.

We need transparency. We need to control spending. We need to be conservative and prepare for the uncertain future now being shaped by COVID!

Our vision for incorporation has been altered, but the spirit remains. Our CRA plan was tossed, but it can be resurrected. Not one of our residents "qualified" for even one of our new government jobs, but that can change – with council members committed to getting back to basics. I am ready, willing and able to serve YOU!

Come on, Indiantown! Let your voice be heard! Elect Guy Parker for Seat #1 on the Village Council. ■



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## Kimberly S. Jackson

CANDIDATE FOR  
VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT #1

# She pledges to listen to residents

(Contributed by Candidate)



**M**y name is Kimberly S Jackson. I am the mother of one daughter and four sons (one of whom is deceased). I was born in Stuart, and lived in Indiantown most of

my life, except for a period when I lived in Miami as a child. Even then, I was in Indiantown every weekend, holiday and summer.

I graduated from South Fork High School and attended Indian River State College, during which time I worked for Pratt & Whitney for a few years in the blueprint crib, printing blueprints for the various aircraft designs.

After leaving Pratt & Whitney, I worked in the Martin County Sheriff's Bootcamp Program as a teacher, I also worked at the Martin County Courthouse in the felony department, and I also held a job with the Martin County Public Defender's Office as an investigator. For a number of years, I operated the A. Jackson Bail Bonds in Indiantown. I now am the owner/operator of Keri's Got Your Piece LLC, a small apparel business, and KGYP Insurance, where I offer life and health insurance.

My decision to run is

because I am a member of this community and I feel like it's time for the voices of the community to be heard. For far too long, decisions have been made by those who feel they have the authority to speak for us without listening to us.

I want to listen.

Indiantown is my home and I want to aid in facilitating growth without losing the heritage. In uncertain economic times as these, we need prudent decision making. We need long-term planning in place that will help now, but be even more beneficial to the future of the Village.

These efforts will "take a Village." I want US to do it together! ■



Kimberly Jackson with three of her four children at home after attending church on Sunday.

### WHY DID I DECIDE TO RUN FOR OFFICE?

As a lifelong resident of Indiantown, I have often felt privileged to have grown up in an environment where pretty much everyone knows everyone and still greet each other with a warm smile and a hearty "hello," whether it's at the grocery store, the post office or a school function.

There aren't many places you can live where the people at the bank know your name, or you can call the water company and have them recognize your voice. In today's time, everything is so impersonal and "business only." But not in our beautiful village.

We still have morals and values that the people of many cities seem to have forgotten. We can disagree and still manage to keep things civil and maintain mutual respect.

Over the years I have had many opportunities to leave Indiantown and start over; however, I could not think of a place where I would rather raise a family. Indiantown, to me, has been that village in the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child."

As a working mother caring for an ill family member, there were times I would be running a bit behind schedule and couldn't reach home before my children, but I never worried. I knew that someone would look out for them and assistance was always just a call away.

If given the opportunity to serve (as a Village Council member), this is THE VILLAGE that I will always remember and fight to maintain.

A place where we all look out for each other's well being and work TOGETHER to BUILD a community capable of adapting to the changing times, while living together in UNITY.

UNITED we stand! Divided we become like so many other failing communities.

Let's maintain the HERITAGE of our beautiful village. Our Heritage Festival was once a big event to everyone here. The festival's food, dance, music and other entertainment showcased the diversity of our community.

It was a place where old friends could come together to reminisce and share a laugh or two no matter the ethnicity. Bringing back our festival,



along with weekend flea markets and farmer's markets, would help us to maintain our hometown feel.

Village of Indiantown, we can be that "beacon on the hill" that shines bright as an example for those communities around us.

A focus on AFFORDABLE HOUSING with guidelines and options that will fit the need of our diverse community of people along with adequately maintained parks and recreation areas would be a great way for Indiantown to continue being a place where people would want to live, work and raise families.

As we grow as a community, we will need to continue on the path of drainage and road improvements, which would mean taking advantage of funding through grants dedicated to the improvement of areas such as ours. Adequate lighting must not only be in place, but maintained to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians in all areas of the Village.

Businesses attracted to our community must be beneficial to the overall growth and welfare of the Village as a whole. They should ensure that they provide employment to the citizens of the community and contribute to our growth economically.

With the growing attraction of people to our community, providing summer jobs for the youth and training programs for the adults who may not possess the skills to obtain gainful employment is another way to build the economy and the community.

I love Indiantown and would like to see only what is conducive to its growth while maintaining the familiarity and warmth of the people. If elected, I won't make false promises, but I will listen to the voices of the people. I AM THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE! ■

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## Janet Hernandez

CANDIDATE FOR  
VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT #2

# An Indiantown community servant

(Submitted by the Candidate)



**J**anet Hernández, 29, was born in Stuart, Florida, and raised in Indiantown. She works for Holy Cross Church in Indiantown as the accountant and office manager.

She has become heavily involved in the community. She is an active member of Holy Cross Church and the Indiantown Education Coalition. Over the years, she has volunteered at her church and on the Guatemala Mission, which provides over a hundred children with breakfast and lunch year-round in Huehuetenango, Guatemala.

In January 2018, Janet ran for a seat on the Village of Indiantown's Village Council and in March 2018 she was sworn in as a member of the 1st Village Council in Indiantown history. Miss Hernández also currently serves (on the) Florida League of Cities Administrative Policy Committee and the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments. ■



Candidate Janet Hernandez, far right, with her Indiantown family.

### WHY AM I RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION?

She decided to run for office because of her passion for advocacy, education and youth. Her goals and priorities for the Village are to make sure the right decisions are made for the community and to have smart growth in the Village.

Janet wants to continue what she started and her primary goals are to better our infrastructure, community revitalization, and economic development. Indiantown being new, we need to make sure it's well represented.

Janet brings energy and building relationships on behalf of Indiantown. She has been awarded Home Rule



Hero Award 2019 and 2020 (by the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida League of Cities).

Janet has demonstrated her determination to address the concerns of the people

she represents and the courage to be honest in her professional opinions for the betterment of all residents of Indiantown. Janet has a bachelor's degree in Business administration and the knowledge and skills she has learned she implements into her decision-making process. She has been officially endorsed by the Realtors Association of Martin County. ■

## Anthony Zweiner

CANDIDATE FOR  
VILLAGE COUNCIL SEAT #2

# Tony Z's history of service continues

(Contributed by the Candidate)



**A**nthony Zweiner, TONY Z as we know him, was born August 1953 in Saint Paul, Minn. He lived most of his childhood and teen years in

Iowa. After high school, he volunteered in the US Army in 1972, serving in Germany until he was honorably discharged in 1975. In 1980 Tony began his Christian walk with Christ and soon after met and married his wife, Ann.

Later in 1994 the couple bought an old sailboat and took a sabbatical to go cruising in Florida and the Bahamas. While on their journey they discovered Indiantown by virtue of the Indiantown Marina, and it has been home ever since.

In the mid-'90s, the couple started using the boat for personal mission work carrying food and clothing to assist the elderly and children in the islands. Early in 2001 Tony and Ann joined the Family Worship Center and embarked on a list of community service projects locally and mission work abroad in Honduras.

In 2004 Tony's volunteer efforts expanded to include ministry and aide to the elderly at Martin Memorial Hospitals North and South. From those efforts



Candidate Tony Z with his wife, Ann, and one of their two rescued dogs, Miss Tinsley.

a strong ministry was established with the elderly in Indiantown.

In 2007 Tony's life took a dramatic turn when he traveled to the Andaman Islands, India, after the tsunami wave hit them. He personally accepted the responsibility of financially supporting 17 tsunami orphans for the next seven years. Tony was also appointed as the US Director of Missions Asia.

Among the long list of community service projects Tony has accomplished, he also helped establish the Indiantown Ministerial Alliance, ITMA. He was elected the first president for a one-year term. Then in 2008, Tony was ordained by the FWC and began to serve the Indiantown community in this new capacity.

### WHY AM I RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

To the point of why I decided to run: Simply said, the chaotic and often emotional behavior, as well as the self-agendized decision-making of my opponent and other council members, has demonstrated that a more mature hand of a steward serving his neighbors is required in the governance of our Village.

The Village is in an infancy. The early years they say are the most important and informative. We need leadership based in years of community experience and wisdom, not for a political agenda.

However, I am not running against anyone or anything. I am running for a chance to serve the people of Indiantown in the capacity they are due as Americans, Floridians and Indiantown residents. When I do speak for myself,



you will know that I do so in truth. I do so to demonstrate to you that I am worthy of your trust.

I promise you that when you make me your employee, any decision or action I take as Councilman, will be taken with the interest of all of Indiantown and not just one group or another.

It is my hope that you will see these real-world values and principles. I am working hard to demonstrate these values to you in an effort to build trust – trust that I will serve you in my actions as councilman. I have demonstrated the same values for over 20 years in our Village.

This time I am asking that you let me serve with accountability as your servant and councilman for Village Council Seat #2. ■

Continuing in the path of service, in 2012 he flew to Nicaragua to bring help to the Managua dump children who were desperately in need. Tony has also flown to Siberia, Russia, where he helped build an outpost for small planes in order to carry humanitarian aid to the people living above the Arctic Circle.

Tony was asked to be caretaker of the

Old Indiantown Cemetery, where many Booker Park residents have relatives buried along with a local Pastor, some veterans and many unknown people.

And now Tony is turning his efforts to serving you as an honest voice for the people of Indiantown, and building upon our already blessed standard of living we enjoy in our hometown. ■



## Guyton Stone

CANDIDATO AL  
PUESTO #1 DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO

## Stone vive el sueño Americano

*(Del sitio web del candidato)*

**G**uyton Stone, actual alcalde de Indiantown, nació en Jamaica y se trasladó a Indiantown a la edad de 14 años. La cálida acogida y la

aceptación incondicional del pueblo le inculcaron un profundo amor por su comunidad que ha persistido toda su vida y le ha obligado a servir.

Reestableció el Club Scout Pack 818 local y la Tropa 818 de los Boy Scouts de América, sirviendo como jefe de exploradores para ambos. También ha sido miembro activo en la Cámara de Comercio de Indiantown, para la cual sirve como representante del Consejo del pueblo, y es voluntario en el Rodeo de Indiantown, Desfile Navideño de Indiantown, Club Deportivo Juvenil de Indiantown, Hábitat para la Humanidad, y la Casa de la Esperanza.

Actualmente, también forma parte del Comité de Políticas de Transporte y Relaciones Intergubernamentales de la Liga de Ciudades de Florida para pro-

mover los intereses de Indiantown en la legislatura estatal.

Empresario y dueño de un negocio local, Stone convirtió sus habilidades en el trabajo de la madera en dos exitosos negocios: Guyton's Custom Design Inc., un negocio de mejoras para el hogar, y GUYTON® Industries, LLC., un negocio de fabricación de muebles y gabinetes, ambos ubicados dentro de los límites del pueblo.

Fue esta afinidad por el servicio a la comunidad lo que le obligó a presentarse a las elecciones en enero de 2018. En marzo de 2018, prestó juramento como miembro del Consejo del Pueblo y fue seleccionado por sus compañeros para servir como primer vicealcalde de Indiantown. En 2019 fue seleccionado por el Consejo para servir como su primer alcalde negro.

Los objetivos y prioridades del alcalde Stone para el pueblo de Indiantown son fomentar actividades positivas para la juventud, proteger los dólares de los impuestos, apoyar la seguridad pública, promover el desarrollo económico a través del espíritu empresarial, la capacitación y el programa de desarrollo. ■

## ¿POR QUÉ DECIDIÓ POSTULARSE PARA EL CARGO?

Como alcalde de Indiantown y residente desde hace mucho tiempo, he tenido el honor de ayudar a contribuir al crecimiento y prosperidad de nuestra pequeña y amistosa ciudad. Personal y profesionalmente sé lo importante que es que sigamos innovando y adaptándonos a los tiempos siempre cambiantes en los que nos encontramos. El consejo del pueblo, el ayuntamiento y todos en la gran comunidad de Indiantown están trabajando incansablemente para escribir un nuevo capítulo en nuestras vidas.

Hemos logrado mucho en los últimos años. Todavía hay mucho por hacer. Ahora no es el momento de ir más despacio. Es el momento de actuar.

- Prometo seguir dando pasos significativos hacia una infraestructura más fuerte para nuestro pueblo, incluyendo la adquisición de un sistema privado de agua y alcantarillado que cambiará la forma en que vivimos en Indiantown. El sistema se adquirió a un precio muy por debajo del valor justo de mercado, y su compra se completará para el 30 de septiembre de 2020.

- Las mejoras de las carreteras y los drenajes son importantes, y ya hemos hecho grandes progresos con la adi-

ción de alumbrado público en todas las carreteras principales de la ciudad. El ayuntamiento también ha comenzado el proceso de reparación de todas las carreteras de nuestro pueblo, y prometo seguir invirtiendo en mejoras de las carreteras y los drenajes solicitando subvenciones específicas para las mejoras de las carreteras y un sistema de drenaje más eficiente.

- Para que Indiantown siga siendo un lugar en el que la gente quiera vivir, trabajar y jugar, es esencial el desarrollo de la comunidad. Prometo seguir centrándome en opciones de vivienda asequibles, comunidades de jubilados, instalaciones de vivienda asistida, así como en mejoras residenciales estándar.

- Como parte de nuestro plan económico, estamos trabajando para atraer más negocios de entretenimiento a la zona, dando a todos los residentes una nueva y divertida manera de pasar su tiempo libre y difundir su recién encontrada prosperidad económica.

- Reelegir a Guyton Stone para el puesto 1 del Consejo de Indiantown, para que podamos seguir construyendo una comunidad de la que podamos estar orgullosos. ■

## Kimberly S. Jackson

CANDIDATA AL  
PUESTO #1 DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO

## Su promesa de escuchar a los residentes

*(Contribución del candidato)*

**M**e llamo Kimberly S. Jackson. Soy madre de una hija y cuatro hijos (uno de ellos fallecido). Nací en Stuart y viví en Indiantown la mayor parte de mi vida, excepto un período en el

que viví en Miami de niña. Incluso entonces, estuve en Indiantown todos los fines de semana, vacaciones y verano.

Me gradué en la Escuela Secundaria South Fork y asistí al Indian River State College, durante el cual trabajé para Pratt & Whitney durante unos años en blueprint crib, imprimiendo los planos de los diversos diseños de aviones.

Después de dejar Pratt & Whitney, trabajé en el Programa del campo de entrenamiento del Sheriff del Condado de Martin como profesora, también trabajé

en el Tribunal del Condado de Martin en el departamento de delitos graves, y en la Oficina del Defensor Público del Condado de Martin como investigadora. Durante varios años, operé las Fianzas de A. Jackson en Indiantown. Ahora soy el propietaria/operadora de Keri's Got Your Piece LLC, un pequeño negocio de ropa, y de KGY Insurance, donde ofrezco seguros de vida y de salud.

Durante mucho tiempo, las decisiones han sido tomadas por aquellos que sienten que tienen la autoridad de hablar por nosotros sin escucharnos.

Quiero escuchar.

Indiantown es mi hogar y quiero ayudar a facilitar el crecimiento sin perder la herencia. En tiempos económicos inciertos como estos, necesitamos tomar decisiones prudentes. Necesitamos una planificación a largo plazo que ayude ahora, pero que sea aún más beneficiosa para el futuro del pueblo.

Estos esfuerzos "Tomarán un Pueblo". ¡Quiero que lo HAGAMOS juntos! ■

## ¿POR QUÉ DECIDÍ POSTULARME PARA EL CARGO?

Como residente de toda la vida de Indiantown, a menudo me he sentido privilegiada de haber crecido en un ambiente donde casi todos se conocen y aún se saludan con una cálida sonrisa y un cordial "hola", ya sea en la tienda de comestibles, la oficina de correos o en una función escolar.

No hay muchos lugares donde puedas vivir donde la gente del banco sepa tu nombre, o puedes llamar a la compañía de agua y hacer que reconozcan tu voz. En los tiempos actuales, todo es tan impersonal y "sólo negocios". Pero no en nuestro hermoso pueblo.

Todavía tenemos moral y valores que la gente de muchas ciudades parece haber olvidado. Podemos estar en desacuerdo y todavía nos las arreglamos para mantener las cosas de forma civil y mantener el respeto mutuo.

A lo largo de los años he tenido

muchas oportunidades de dejar Indiantown y empezar de nuevo; sin embargo, no podía pensar en un lugar donde preferiría criar una familia. Indiantown, para mí, ha sido ese pueblo en el dicho, "Se necesita un pueblo para criar a un niño"

Como madre trabajadora que cuida a un familiar enfermo, había veces en que me retrasaba un poco y no podía llegar a casa antes que mis hijos, pero nunca me preocupé. Sabía que alguien los cuidaría y la ayuda siempre estaba a una llamada de distancia.

Si se me dan la oportunidad de servir (como miembro del Consejo del Pueblo), esta es EL PUEBLO que siempre recordaré y lucharé por mantener.

Un lugar donde todos nos preocupamos por el bienestar de los demás y trabajamos JUNTOS para CONSTRUIR una comunidad capaz de adaptarse a los tiempos cambiantes,



**Guy Parker**

CANDIDATO AL  
**PUESTO #1 DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO**

# La pasión de Parker por Indiantown

(Presentado por el candidato)



**A**ctualmente trabajo en iTown Rail & Commerce y tengo una licenciatura en gestión de la construcción de la Universidad de Syracuse en el norte del estado

de Nueva York, lugar en el que me crié; sin embargo, la mayor parte de mi carrera la he pasado supervisando muchos de los proyectos de construcción multimillonarios del sur de Florida.

Viví en la ciudad de Júpiter durante 25 años, donde conocí a mi esposa, MaryBeth y sus dos hijos. Hace casi dos décadas decidimos que Júpiter había perdido su encanto, así que empezamos a buscar una nueva casa para comprar, la cual encontramos en nuestro querido Indiantown.

Trabajé durante dos años en la NAC con Thelma Waters y Art Matson para el Área de Reurbanización Comunitaria de Indiantown mientras desarrollábamos un maravilloso plan de revitalización para Indiantown, que ha sido abandonado por el actual consejo. Quiero resucitar la Zona de Reurbanización Comunitaria (CRA, por sus siglas en inglés) de Indiantown, que se centró en el centro del pueblo e incluirá el desarrollo de programas juveniles y eventos comunitarios - en lugar de construir una burocracia gubernamental, como la que está sucediendo ahora.

También formé parte de la Organización de Planificación Metropolitana durante el tiempo en que se estaba construyendo el puente Big John Monahan, así como del Comité Ciudadano para la distribución del Fondo de Co-generación para Indiantown. (Algo que

## RAZONES POR LAS QUE ME PRESENTO PARA EL PUESTO NÚMERO 1

El pueblo de Indiantown está a punto de embarcarse en algunos proyectos importantes de construcción de drenaje, alcantarillado y líneas de agua, incluyendo la construcción del complejo Village Hall, me di cuenta de que mis 40 años de experiencia en la construcción serían de gran utilidad para Indiantown en este momento.

¡Necesitamos a alguien en el Consejo con mis antecedentes para reducir el costo de los consultores!

Asimismo, como propietario de una vivienda y contribuyente de Indiantown, una de mis principales preocupaciones es la intención declarada del pueblo de crear su propio departamento de bomberos, que ahora se paga principalmente a través de los impuestos de la FPL (86 por ciento del costo de los bomberos de Indiantown) y proporciona un servicio superior a Indiantown. Esta propuesta de iniciativa ha causado gran preocupación entre nuestros residentes, incluyéndome a mí, y no me conformaré con nada menos que lo que tenemos ahora mismo.

También creo firmemente que necesitamos VOLVER a nuestra visión original de Indiantown y los residentes están de acuerdo, porque me han dicho lo mismo. Recordamos la visión, pero el Consejo del Pueblo parece haberla olvidado por completo. Esto es lo que recuerdo:

el Consejo del Pueblo "olvidó" hacer el año pasado, por lo que tienen \$40.000 este año para distribuir a las organizaciones sin fines de lucro del Pueblo, en lugar de \$20.000). También fui nom-

- Para mantener el gobierno REDUCIDO para evitar el aumento de los impuestos. Los impuestos fueron aumentados en nuestro primer año con la promesa de que serían reducidos al año siguiente, o tan pronto como el pueblo comenzara a recibir nuestra justa parte de los ingresos fiscales del estado. Aún esperando eso... y sin algunos FRENOS en el gasto del pueblo, podemos olvidarnos de tener impuestos más bajos!

- Conseguir nuestro propio Plan de Compensación y Regulaciones de Desarrollo de la Tierra escrito en los PRIMEROS dos años para que podamos traer nuevos TRABAJOS a Indiantown. El Plan de Compensación está hecho, pero no el de las Regulaciones de Desarrollo de la Tierra (LDR). Todavía estoy esperando eso, y también muchos negocios que están llamando a las puertas de Indiantown!

- Poner los intereses de los residentes de Indiantown y de los jóvenes por ENCIMA de las prioridades del pueblo. ¿Recuerdan lo emocionados que estábamos de hacer la vida mejor para nuestros residentes y especialmente para nuestra juventud? No veo mucho de eso.

- Queríamos hacer realidad nuestra visión de la CRA, incluyendo una conexión de carritos de golf entre Indianwood y el distrito comercial de

Indiantown y en todo el pueblo; hacer que Warfield fuera más seguro para los peatones y los vehículos; celebrar nuestra diversa herencia con festivales y eventos especiales; y embellecer el centro de la ciudad. ¡Todavía estoy esperando eso y MUCHO más!

Sí, hemos visto algo de mantenimiento en el pavimento de nuestras carreteras, pero necesitamos mucho más de lo que se ha financiado, y sí, estamos en el camino para comprar la planta de agua, que también era parte del plan original de Indiantown. Pero no es suficiente.

Necesitamos transparencia. Necesitamos controlar los gastos. Tenemos que ser conservadores y prepararnos para el futuro incierto que está siendo moldeado por el COVID!

Nuestra visión de la incorporación ha sido alterada, pero el espíritu permanece. Nuestro plan de CRA fue desechado, pero puede ser resucitado. Ninguno de nuestros residentes "calificó" ni siquiera para uno de nuestros nuevos trabajos en el gobierno, pero eso puede cambiar - con los miembros del consejo comprometidos a volver a lo básico. ¡Estoy listo, dispuesto y dispuesto a servirle a USTED!

¡Vamos, Indiantown! ¡Que se oiga su voz! Elegá a Guy Parker para el Puesto #1 en el Consejo del Pueblo. ■

brado para formar parte del primer comité de ciudadanos que encontró al consultor más competente para servir como el nuevo Departamento de Construcción del pueblo, que sigue funcio-

nando muy bien y siendo eficaz.

Estoy listo para continuar mi servicio a Indiantown con pasión y dedicación a TODOS los residentes de este lugar especial. ■

mientras vivimos juntos en UNIDAD.

¡Unidos nos mantenemos! Divididos nos convertimos como muchas otras comunidades que fracasan.

Mantengamos el PATRIMONIO de nuestro hermoso pueblo. Nuestro Festival del Patrimonio fue una vez un gran evento para todos aquí. La comida, el baile, la música y otros entretenimientos del festival mostraron la diversidad de nuestra comunidad.

Era un lugar donde los viejos amigos podían reunirse para recordar y compartir una o dos risas sin importar la etnia. Traer de regresó nuestro festival, junto con los pulgueros de fin de semana y los mercados de granja, nos

ayudaría a mantener nuestro sentimiento de ciudad natal.

Pueblo de Indiantown, podemos ser ese "faro en la colina" que brilla como un ejemplo para las comunidades que nos rodean.

Un enfoque en la VIVIENDA ASEQUIBLE con directrices y opciones que se ajusten a las necesidades de nuestra diversa comunidad de personas, junto con parques y áreas de recreación adecuadamente mantenidos sería una gran manera para que Indiantown continúe siendo un lugar donde la gente quiera vivir, trabajar y criar familias.

A medida que crecemos como co-

munidad, tendremos que continuar en el camino del drenaje y las mejoras de las carreteras, lo que significaría aprovechar la financiación a través de subvenciones dedicadas a la mejora de áreas como la nuestra. La iluminación adecuada no sólo debe estar en su lugar, sino que debe mantenerse para garantizar la seguridad de los automovilistas y los peatones en todas las áreas de la Villa.

Las empresas atraídas a nuestra comunidad deben ser beneficiosas para el crecimiento general y el bienestar del pueblo en su conjunto. Deben asegurarse de que proporcionan empleo a los ciudadanos de la co-

munidad y contribuyen a nuestro crecimiento económico.

Con la creciente atracción de gente a nuestra comunidad, proveer trabajos de verano para los jóvenes y programas de entrenamiento para los adultos que no posean las habilidades para obtener un empleo remunerado es otra forma de construir la economía y la comunidad.

Me encanta Indiantown y me gustaría ver sólo lo que es propicio para su crecimiento, manteniendo la familiaridad y el calor del pueblo. En caso de ser elegida, no haré falsas promesas, pero escucharé las voces del pueblo. ¡Soy el pueblo para el pueblo! ■



## Janet Hernandez

CANDIDATO AL  
PUESTO #2 DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO

## Ella se ha involucrado mucho

*(Presentado por el candidato)*

**J**anet Hernández, de 29 años, nació en Stuart y creció en Indiantown. Ella se ha involucrado mucho en la comunidad. Con los años, se ha ofrecido como voluntaria en la Iglesia de la Santa Cruz y en la Misión de Guatemala, que ofrece a más de cien niños desayuno y almuerzo durante todo el año en Huehuetenango, Guatemala. En enero de 2018, Janet se postuló para un puesto en el Concejo del Pueblo de Indiantown y en marzo de 2018 fue juramentada como miembro del primer concejo del pueblo en la his-

toria de Indiantown. La señorita Hernández también sirve actualmente

## ¿POR QUÉ DECIDIÓ POSTULARSE PARA EL CARGO?

Ella decidió postularse para un cargo debido a su pasión por la defensa, la educación y la juventud. Sus objetivos y prioridades para el Pueblo son asegurarse de que se tomen las decisiones correctas para la comunidad y estimular un desarrollo beneficioso para la comunidad. Janet quiere continuar lo que comenzó y sus objetivos principales son mejorar la infraestructura general, la revitalización de la comunidad y el desarrollo

económico. Como Indiantown es nuevo, debemos asegurarnos de que esté bien representado y Janet aportará energía y se asegurará de construir relaciones en nombre de Indiantown. Ha recibido el premio Home Rule Hero Award 2019 y 2020. Trabaja para Holy Cross Church en Indiantown como contadora y gerente de oficina. La señorita Hernández es miembro activa de la Iglesia de la Santa Cruz y la Coalición de Edu-

cación de Indiantown. Ella ha demostrado su determinación para abordar las preocupaciones de las personas que representa y el coraje de ser honesta en sus opiniones profesionales para el mejoramiento de todos los residentes de Indiantown. Janet tiene una licenciatura en administración de empresas y el conocimiento y las habilidades que ha aprendido que implementa en su proceso de toma de decisiones. ■

en el Comité de Política Administrativa de la Liga de Ciudades de Florida y en el

Consejo de Gobiernos Locales de la Costa del Tesoro. ■

## Anthony Zweiner

CANDIDATO AL  
PUESTO #2 DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO

## La historia de servicio de Tony Z continúa

*(Contribución del candidato)*

**A**nthony Zweiner, TONY Z como lo conocemos, nació en agosto de 1953 en Saint Paul, Minn. Vivió la mayor parte de su infancia y adolescencia en el sur y

centro de Iowa. Después de la escuela secundaria, fue voluntario en el ejército de los Estados Unidos en 1972, sirviendo en Alemania hasta que fue dado de baja con honores en 1975. En 1980 Tony comenzó su camino cristiano con Cristo y poco después conoció y se casó con su esposa, Ann.

Más tarde, en 1994, la pareja compró un viejo velero y se tomó un año sabático para ir de crucero por Florida y las Bahamas. Durante su viaje descubrieron Indiantown en virtud de la Marina de Indiantown, y ha sido su hogar desde entonces.

A mediados de 1990, la pareja comenzó a utilizar el barco para realizar trabajos misioneros personales, llevando alimentos y ropa para ayudar a los ancianos y niños de las islas. A principios de 2001, Tony y Ann se unieron al Centro de Culto Familiar y se embarcaron en una lista de proyectos de servicio comunitario a nivel local y de trabajo misionero en el extranjero en Honduras.

En 2004, los esfuerzos voluntarios de Tony se ampliaron para incluir el ministerio y la asistencia a los adultos mayores en los hospitales Martin Memorial del norte y del sur. A partir de esos esfuerzos se estableció un fuerte ministerio con los adultos mayores en Indiantown.

En 2007 la vida de Tony dio un giro dramático cuando viajó a las Islas Andaman, India, después de que la ola del tsunami las golpeará. Él personalmente aceptó la responsabilidad de apoyar financieramente a 17 huérfanos del tsunami durante los próximos siete años. Tony también fue nombrado Director de Misiones de Asia de los Estados Unidos.

Entre la larga lista de proyectos de servicio comunitario que Tony ha realizado, también ayudó a establecer la Alianza Ministerial de Indiantown, ITMA. Fue elegido primer presidente por un período de un año. Después, en el 2008, Tony fue ordenado por el Centro de Adoración Familiar (FWC) y comenzó a servir a la comunidad de Indiantown en esta nueva capacidad.

Siguiendo en el camino del servicio, en el 2012 Viajo a Nicaragua para llevar ayuda a los niños del basurero de Managua que estaban desesperadamente necesitados. Tony también ha viajado a Siberia, Rusia, donde ayudó a construir un puesto de avanzada para aviones pequeños con el fin de llevar ayuda humanitaria a las personas que viven

## ¿POR QUÉ ME POSTULO PARA EL CARGO?

Hasta el punto de por qué decidí postularme: Dicho simplemente, el comportamiento caótico y a menudo emocional, así como la toma de decisiones auto-agregada de mi oponente y otros miembros del consejo, ha demostrado que se requiere una mano más madura de un mayordomo que sirva a sus vecinos en el gobierno de nuestro Pueblo.

El Pueblo está en una infancia. Los primeros años dicen que son los más importantes e informativos. Necesitamos un liderazgo basado en años de experiencia y sabiduría comunitaria, no para una agenda política.

Sin embargo, no me postulo contra nadie ni contra nada. Me postulo por la oportunidad de servir a la gente de Indiantown en la capacidad que les corresponde como americanos, floridianos y residentes de Indiantown.

Cuando hable por mí mismo, sabrá que lo hago de verdad. Lo hago para demostrarle que soy digno de su confianza.

Le prometo que cuando me haga su empleado, cualquier decisión o acción que tome como Concejal, será tomada con el interés de todo Indiantown y no sólo de un grupo u otro.

Espero que vean estos valores y principios del mundo real. Estoy trabajando duro para demostrarles estos valores en un esfuerzo por crear confianza, confianza en que les serviré en mis acciones como concejal. He demostrado los mismos valores durante más de 20 años en nuestro Pueblo.

Esta vez le pido que me deje servir con responsabilidad como su sirviente y concejal para el puesto #2 del Consejo del Pueblo. ■

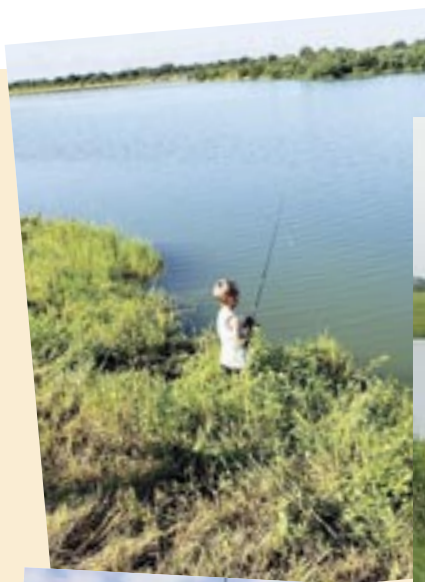
sobre el Círculo Polar Ártico.

Se le pidió a Tony que fuera el cuidador del cementerio de Old Indiantown, donde muchos residentes de Booker Park tienen familiares enterrados junto con un pastor local, algunos

veteranos y muchos desconocidos.

Y ahora Tony se esfuerza por servirles como una voz honesta para la gente de Indiantown, y construir sobre nuestro ya bendecido nivel de vida que disfrutamos en nuestra ciudad natal. ■





Chamber Tournament Organizing Committee, from left: Heath Batchelor, Hilary McKeich, Jennifer Ferrari, David Powers, Melissa Corbett, Ronnie Kirchman. Event photographer is Chris Martine.



## Chamber hosts its first fishing tourney, won't be the last!

By Kerrie Tyndall

On a late Friday afternoon, we stood at the windows in the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce office and looked at the sky. It was that dark, dark gray that you just knew would bring torrents of rain and flooding.

Rain was forecast for Saturday, June 20, and not just rain, thunderstorms! That was to be the day our chamber volunteers planned to hold the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce **Inaugural Kid's Fishing Tournament**.

The tournament, for children between the ages of 5 and 15, had already been postponed once with great disappointment due to the virus (that we shall not talk about now). We had planned all sorts of fun, so to have it postponed again due to inclement weather, no, that was not going to happen.

Besides, we had a feeling that children would not care if it rained ... if they could go fishing!

When the morning arrived, the sun shone and continued to do so the whole day. Not only were we thrilled, but the children were as well. The smiles on

their faces were evident when they arrived; they could hardly wait to get out of their families' cars – all 85 of them!

The event was made possible through the incredible generosity of Clyde and Nancy Dawson of Indiantown and the great relationship they have with Melissa Corbett, president of the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. The beautiful Lake Annie, on the Dawson's property, was the scene for the event.

Because the lake is privately owned, it is never fished, so ALL the children caught fish! Bass, Bluegill and Crappie.

As children and adults arrived, instructions included social distancing. (The lake is enormous so it's not an issue.) Instructions on proper catch-and-release measures were supplied by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and of course, and how to measure their catch.

Children listened intently, as this was how they could win prizes and, possibly, the whole tournament.

As safety was our priority, we shared some great advice from the wildlife commission:

A fishing rod length from your

neighbor makes a great measure to maintain the 6-foot social distancing space on the shore.

When walking back and forth to your fishing spot, hold your fishing rod vertically (up-and-down) instead of straight out, so you do not poke or hook anyone. Always walk, do not run with your rod.

Look behind you every time you cast—you never know when someone might walk by.

Use a pair of pliers to bend down the barb on your hook. This makes it easier to quickly unhook the fish and release it in good health. (It also makes it easier to unhook you or your fishing buddy just in case an accident happens!)

Families and friends had a great time, everyone enjoyed themselves. There were goody bags, with sun-shirts and caps, lures, sweets, pens, sunglasses, chips and vouchers. Hot dogs and drinks were served for lunch (and there were also adult beverages).

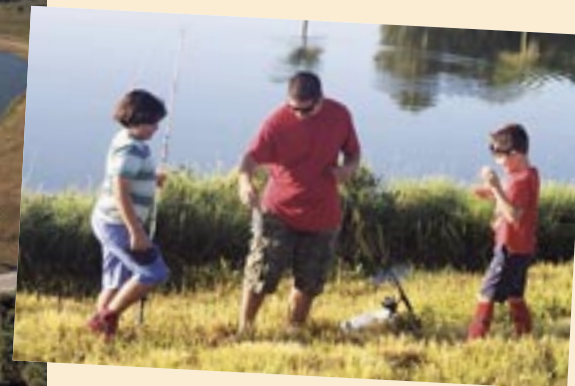
Florida is one of the great fishing capitals of the world, with fresh and saltwater fishing. A team from AFLO (Anglers for Lake Okeechobee) were

on hand to help children. ALFO is a community fishing group (professional and recreational) of anglers, marina owners, boat owners and fishing guides dedicated to protecting Lake Okeechobee.

There will be more Kid's Fishing Tournaments in the future! Parents and friends had such a good time, they suggested an Adults Fishing Tournament, too!

**Thank you to our wonderful sponsors** - Lake Annie Fill LLC; Florida Power & Light; C&C Diversified; Indiantown A/C; Kirchman Construction Co; Floridian Fishing Charters; Anglers For Lake Okeechobee (AFLO); Tami Karol Insurance; Kirchman Oil Corp; DC Enterprises of Florida LLC; McNicholas & Associates; Village Arts & Crafts; Freedom Waste Services; Food Shop Shell; Hitchcock's Market; Reel Graphics signs & embroidery; ITS; Rozlin Levasseur, Realtor; Seacoast; and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County. ■

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