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VILLAGE OF
TEQUESTA
NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

TEQUESTA'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE



The next Village of Tequesta municipal election will be held on March 14, 2023. Voting can be done via Vote-by-Mail ballot or at your designated polling location between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Polling Locations:
Precincts 6801 and 6802
Tequesta Baptist Church
423 Tequesta Drive

Precinct 6803 and 6804
Tequesta Parks and Recreation Center
399 Seabrook Road

Precincts 6806 and 6807
Village Hall Council Chambers
345 Tequesta Drive

To Vote-by-Mail:
The deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you is no later than 5 p.m. on the 10th day before the election. If you miss the deadline, you can visit one of our offices and we will print a mail ballot for you through 5:00 pm on the day before Election Day. Alternatively, you can vote in person on Election Day.

Vote-by-Mail ballot requests made before the November 2022 General Election have expired. Voters wishing to receive a mail ballot for 2023 through 2024 elections must submit a new request. The voter's Florida Driver's License/FL ID Number and/or the last 4 digits of their Social Security Number is required. F.S. 101.62.

To request a Vote-by-Mail ballot:
<https://palmbeach.electionsfl.org/vrservices/mbrs#>

REFERENDUMS

The following referendums will be on the ballot:

CHARTER REFERENDUM 2023

In August 2021, Council established a Charter Review Board (CRB) consisting of five residents who submitted applications of interest to serve. The mission of the CRB was to review the Village's Charter, as it had not been reviewed in over ten years, and make Charter Amendment recommendations

to Council. The CRB met numerous times over five months reviewing in microscopic detail every aspect and potential option to the items contained within the Village's Charter.

During the July 14, 2022 Council Meeting, Council approved the CRB's recommended changes. However, prior to these changes taking place, a Charter Referendum has to go before the Village electors for final approval.

View the Ordinance and proposed charter changes on our website:
<https://www.tequesta.org/1141/Elections>.

BOND REFERENDUM 2023

In November, Council approved putting a Bond Referendum forward to the voters during the March 2023 Municipal Election to finance the acquisition of environmentally sensitive, waterfront, or recreation lands, or lands for open spaces, archaeological or historic preservation, or traffic mitigation, and recreational capital improvements.

View the Ordinance on our website:
<https://www.tequesta.org/1141/Elections>

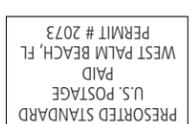
SAMPLE BALLOT FRONT (Back of Sample Ballot on page 5)

Official Municipal Election Ballot March 14, 2023 Village of Tequesta Palm Beach County, Florida	Boleta Oficial Elección Municipal 14 de marzo de 2023 Pueblo de Tequesta Condado de Palm Beach, Florida
PCT. 6801	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructions: To vote, fill in the oval completely ● next to your choice. Use only black ballpoint pen. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out or your vote may not count. Instrucciones: Para votar, llene completamente el óvalo ● junto a su selección. Use sólo bolígrafo negro. Si comete un error, solicite una nueva boleta. No borre o realice otras marcas, o su voto puede no ser contado. 	
Village of Tequesta Question Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta	Village of Tequesta Question 1 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 1
Village of Tequesta General Obligation Bonds for Land Acquisition Program Shall Tequesta issue bonds in phases from time to time, not exceeding a total of \$10,000,000, maturing within 20 years of their issuance dates, with interest not exceeding the maximum legal rate, payable from ad valorem property taxes levied in amounts sufficient to pay debt service on such Bonds, to finance acquisition of environmentally sensitive, waterfront, or recreation lands, or lands for open spaces, archeological or historic preservation, or traffic mitigation, and recreational capital improvements.	"CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR COUNCILMEMBER THREE YEAR TERMS, TERM LIMITS, RE-ELIGIBILITY, AND REVISED COUNCIL REORGANIZATION" "SHALL THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO INCREASE COUNCILMEMBER TERMS FROM TWO YEARS TO THREE YEARS, AND TO ADD NEW TERM LIMITS OF THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS, THEREAFTER REQUIRING A ONE TERM WAITING PERIOD BEFORE RUNNING FOR OFFICE AGAIN, AND TO REVISE VILLAGE COUNCIL RE-ORGANIZATION PROCEDURES TO CONFORM WITH THE NEW THREE-YEAR TERMS?"
Programa de Bonos de Obligación General para el Programa de Adquisición de Tierras en el Pueblo de Tequesta ¿Emitirá Tequesta bonos en fases de vez en cuando, que no excedan un total de \$10,000,000, con vencimiento dentro de los 20 años posteriores a sus fechas de emisión, con intereses que no excedan la tasa legal máxima, pagaderos por medio de impuestos a la propiedad ad valorem recaudados en montos suficientes para pagar el servicio de la deuda de dichos Bonos, para financiar la adquisición de frentes marítimos ambientalmente sensibles, o tierras de recreación, o tierras para espacios abiertos, preservación arqueológica o histórica, o mitigación del tráfico, y mejoras capitales de recreación.	"ENMIENDA A LA CARTA QUE ESTABLECE MANDATOS DE TRES AÑOS PARA LOS CONCEJALES, LIMITES DE MANDATO REELEGIBILIDAD Y REORGANIZACIÓN REVISADA DEL CONSEJO" "¿SE DEBE ENMENDAR LA CARTA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA PARA AUMENTAR LOS MANDATOS DE LOS CONCEJALES DE DOS AÑOS A TRES AÑOS Y PARA AGREGAR NUEVOS LIMITES DE MANDATO DE TRES MANDATOS CONSECUTIVOS, REQUIRIENDO POSTERIORMENTE UN PERÍODO DE ESPERA DE UN MANDATO ANTES DE POSTULARSE PARA EL CARGO NUEVAMENTE Y PARA REVISAR LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS DE REORGANIZACIÓN DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO PARA AJUSTARSE A LOS NUEVOS MANDATOS DE TRES AÑOS?"
<input type="radio"/> YES - FOR BONDS / SÍ - PARA BONOS <input type="radio"/> NO - AGAINST BONDS / NO - CONTRA BONOS	<input type="radio"/> YES / SÍ <input type="radio"/> NO / NO
Village of Tequesta Question 2 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 2	Village of Tequesta Question 2 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 2
	"CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING A CONTINUOUS ONE YEAR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO SERVING AS A COUNCILMEMBER" "SHALL THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON RUNNING FOR THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA COUNCILMEMBER TO HAVE RESIDED IN THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE CONTINUOUS YEAR PRIOR TO BEING ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY AND RUN FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER?"
	"ENMIENDA A LA CARTA QUE PROPORCIONE UN REQUISITO DE RESIDENCIA CONTINUA DE UN AÑO ANTES DE SERVIR COMO CONCEJAL" "¿SE DEBE ENMENDAR LA CARTA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA PARA EXIGIR QUE CUALQUIER PERSONA QUE SE POSTULE PARA EL CARGO DE CONCEJAL DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA HAYA RESIDIDO EN EL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA POR UN MÍNIMO DE UN AÑO CONTINUO ANTES DE SER ELEGIBLE PARA CALIFICAR Y POSTULARSE PARA EL CARGO DE CONCEJAL?"
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PCT. 6801	Vote Both Sides of Page. / Vote en Ambos Lados de la Página. Side/Lado 1 of 2

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A New Year is upon us, but it is hard not to mention some great accomplishments from last year, and how they are rolling into 2023 and beyond!

Last year, we completed the Village's Parks Master Plan with robust public input, and have already taken action to start working on design drawings for Remembrance Park based off community feedback. Village Staff is actively applying for grants and researching other funding opportunities for both Remembrance Park and Tequesta Park, so we can bring the Parks Master Plan vision to life for our community.

Other plans we completed are the Commercial Corridor Master Plan and the Beach Road Design Guidelines. Council felt it was important to analyze potential redevelopment strategies and provide recommendations for maintaining the desired community scale and character. With these long-term plans in place, we are able to properly manage growth and guide all stakeholders on future development and redevelopment in order to preserve our unique aesthetics and small town charm that our residents desire.

Our Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) created a Tree Canopy Enhancement Plan along our major roadways and funding was approved to begin the first phase of the project this year. EAC also worked with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, otherwise known as ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, to complete a Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory for the Village and the next step will be to decide if we want to pledge a commitment to reducing a percentage of our GHG emissions.

The Water Utility Department completed a number of water main pipe replacements, well rehabilitations, and finalized the Water Treatment Plant efficiency upgrades design. This year we will make more progress to improve the aging water system and commence on the Water Treatment Plant efficiency upgrades to continue to ensure the best water quality for our users, while also reducing our energy consumption and carbon footprint.

Storm Water Management has been of high importance, lining or replacing storm drain piping, as well as swale restorations will continue this year. Additionally, a Vulnerability Assessment is underway that will analyze the effects flooding and sea level rise could have on our critical assets. Grant funds were received through DEP's Resilient Florida Program Planning.

Public Works continues to plug away at our Road Improvement Capital Plan. Last year we undertook Beacon St., Church Rd., Franklin Rd., Ridgewood Cr., Pine Tree Cir., Hickory Hill Rd., Dogwood Ridge, Hemlock Ln., and Willow Rd. This year we will be working on El Portal Dr., Golfview Dr., Pine Tree Pl., and Yacht Club Pl. On the Sidewalk Capital Improvement Plan, last year we replaced sidewalks on Tequesta Dr., and will continue replacing sidewalks on Tequesta Dr. this year, as well as installing a new one on El Portal Dr.

In preparation for the Jupiter US1 Drawbridge full closure starting this March, we hired an Economic Development firm that provided a foot traffic study, they evaluated customer and employee trends to Tequesta's main commercial areas in order to analyze the potential impact the bridge closure could have on our businesses and residents. Council and Staff remain as proactive as possible in preparing for the bridge closure, we are working with our business community to make sure they are aware of the recommendations and potential actions they can take to prepare for the closure.

It is an exciting year for our Fire Department, as their 1994 aerial ladder truck will finally be replaced, as well as an older pumper engine truck. Our Police Department has been actively expanding their engagement with the community to keep us informed and safe, by creating Tequesta Resident Action Committee, and holding a variety of safety training opportunities for the public.

I am proud of how hard our Village Staff, Council, Boards, and Committees work to keep Tequesta a beautiful and safe place to live. Year after year, Council's role as elected officials is to do the necessary research in order to make decisions that we trust will keep us on the right path and protect the character and quality of the Village that our residents expect and deserve. To help us make these decisions, we always want to hear from you! You are the eyes and ears of what makes the Village amazing! Cheers to a great 2023!

Mayor Molly Young

Tequesta Residents Action Committee (TRAC)

In March of 2022, Police Chief Medina began a collaboration with local residents to sharpen the relationship between the police and community. His goal, in unison with the police department, was to have a group of residents be the voice for Tequesta to help create a better and safer community for all. To accomplish this mission, a survey was created and distributed to residents, businesses, and stakeholders. The results of this survey laid the foundation, guiding principles, and law enforcement priorities moving forward.

To help bridge the gap between the police and our community, several initiatives were implemented. Some examples of our efforts are a weekly article via our code red alert system to help keep residents up to date on upcoming events, services provided, and road closures. We also strengthened our relationship with local school staff by providing active shooter training and created a notification system to alert all schools of major incidents. For the local houses of worship throughout the Village of Tequesta, a notification system was also implemented as well as security assessment for each facility.



Thanks to TRAC, your Tequesta Police Department has been able to create and maintain a safer community for current and future residents. New ideas, growing concerns, and safety measures are all top priorities for the Tequesta Residents Action Committee.

To our members: Tom Bradford, Mike Hamper, Peter Allen, Estela McClean, Jeff Malek, Joyce Saunders, Kieron Sharpe, Pert Towne, Tessa McKay, and Butch Powell, thank you for your hard work and dedication to our community. Because of your efforts, our Village is a safe, prosperous, and enjoyable place to live, shop, work and do business.



Communicate with Your Elected Officials

Interested in communicating with your local elected officials? Use the "Email All Council Members" form to email each one individually. They are always interested in receiving input from our residents.

www.tequesta.org/forms.aspx?FID=210



SHRED IT

Saturday
April 15, 2023 and October 14, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Village of Tequesta Parking lot
Have coffee with a Tequesta Police Officer
&
Prevent identity theft
 Bring your personal sensitive documents for onsite shredding.
Incorporated Tequesta Residents Only





Around the Village



US 1 Bridge Replacement Project



The Florida Department of Transportation offered a progress update presentation to the Village Council during the January 12, 2023 Council Meeting. You can view the FDOT presentation on our website (<https://www.tequesta.org/1477/Jupiter-Federal-Bridge>) or listen via our Youtube Live Stream (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwmXVgv3NdU>).

FDOT has scheduled two Open Houses: February 28, 2023 and March 1, 2023. Be sure to check our website or social media outlets for location updates.

Full Bridge Closure: 20-month closure begins March 13, 2023

One Lane Each Direction: Fall 2024

New Bridge Completed: Spring 2025

Project Completion: Early 2026

Contact:

- Angel Gardner – 561-886-8773
angel@valerin-group.com
- Bodler Barthelemy – 561-370-1127
bodler.barthelemy@dot.state.fl.us

Project Description

The 4.1 mile US 1 Bridge Replacement Project will replace the existing bridge over the Loxahatchee River and Intracoastal Waterway in the Town of Jupiter from CR A1A to CR 707/ Beach Road. The replacement bridge will consist of two 11-foot travel lanes, 7-foot bicycle lanes and 8-foot sidewalks in each direction. The new bridge will have up to 42 feet of vertical clearance, and the navigable-channel width will be increased to 125 feet.

An intelligent transportation system will be installed to improve traffic flow. Permanent intersection improvements will occur at Alternate A1A and Old Dixie Highway. In addition, there will be minor repairs to the Alternate A1A bridge over the Loxahatchee River. Construction began on October 18, 2021.

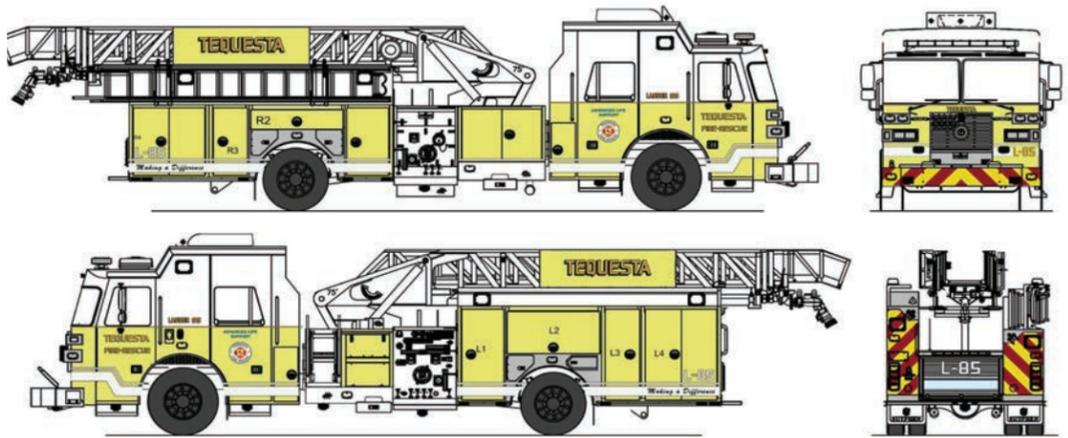
Thank You!



Thank you for joining us for our Annual Christmas Open House, our first one since COVID-19. We were so happy to have the community, and Santa, back with us at the fire station. See you next year.

Fire Rescue Ladder Truck Update

Tequesta Fire Rescue will soon be replacing our ladder truck, which was placed in service in February 1994. This picture depicts the new truck, which is scheduled to arrive in April.



Beach Road Corridor Design



In 2022, Village Council engaged the services of Nilsa Zacarias, of NZ Consultants, to gather input to prepare design guidelines for the Beach Road Corridor. Discussion included, but was not limited to:

- **Building Aesthetics**
- **Landscaping**
- **Safety**

Public Forums and Workshops were held in June and October of last year. After significant public and council input, Council approved the final Beach Road Design Guidelines during the January 12, 2023 Council Meeting. You can find the final design guidelines on our website:

<https://tequesta.org/1560/18870/Beach-Road-Corridor-Design>.

Fire Safety for your Home



Smoke detectors are an important feature in your home; here are some things to keep in mind:

- Make sure smoke detectors are on every level of your house – including bedrooms and outside sleeping areas
- Test every month to make sure detectors are operating properly
- Change batteries when you change your clocks – twice a year

Moreover, as always CALL 911 in case of an emergency.

Community Vision and Master Corridor Plan



In 2022, the Village of Tequesta engaged the services of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council to obtain public input, conduct a public design charrette, analyze potential redevelopment strategies, and provide recommendations for maintaining the desired community scale and character of the Village of Tequesta.

The geographic study area for the project was roughly bounded by the Palm Beach County-Martin County Line to the north, US-1 to the east, the Village limits to the south, the Old Dixie-FEC corridor to the west, and will focus primarily on the commercial areas of the Village. The Scope of Services included the following:

- Undertake due diligence research to assess land use, planning, and physical conditions throughout the Village;
- Conduct a structured series of public input activities, including stake holder interviews, meetings with property owners, and presentations to the Village Council;
- Conduct a four-day, on-site public design charrette to solicit input from the public on a range of topics including the appropriate scale and aesthetic of future redevelopment, the Dixie Highway and US-1 Corridors and any other areas of improvement; and
- Develop a Master Plan document that illustrates design concepts and redevelopment strategies discussed with the community as well as steps for implementing the desired vision for the Village of Tequesta.

On November 10, 2022, Council approved the Final Commercial Corridor Master Plan. You can find the plan on our website: <https://tequesta.org/1520/Community-Vision-and-Master-Plan>.

AWARDS & INSTALLATIONS

Village Manager Receives ICMA Credentials



Jeremy Allen, recently received the esteemed Credentialed Manager designation from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Mr. Allen is one of over 1,300 local government management professionals credentialed through ICMA.

Mr. Allen has brought new and working solutions into various elements within the Village of Tequesta government and has created a well-planned strategic foundation. His knowledge and leadership has made a tremendous impact on residents, staff and Council in the four years he has led our agency.

Mr. Allen graciously shares his expertise with senior staff as a knowledgeable and compassionate mentor and shares his time and efforts with the Palm Beach City County Management Association where he currently serves as President.

The Village of Tequesta is honored to have Jeremy Allen lead our local government.



Detective Michael Loney and K9 Erik Honored as 2022 Officers of the Year



Detective Michael Loney and K9 Erik were honored as the 2022 Officers of the Year. The American Legion Rood Williams Post 271 recognized their outstanding police work. Great job to these fine officers. We are proud of you!



Lt. Dave McGovern Honored as Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year



Lt. Dave McGovern was recognized by American Legion Post 271 as Tequesta Fire Rescue's 2022 Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year.



Tequesta Police Chief Gus Medina Named President of the Palm Beach County Police Chief's Association



Tequesta Police Chief Gus Medina has been named president of the Palm Beach County Police Chief's Association.

Medina started his law enforcement career in 1999 with the Newark Police Department in New Jersey. He rose through the ranks to Deputy Police Director before coming to the Tequesta Police Department in 2018.

He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute (SPI) Academy and Senior Management Institute for Police. He holds a master's degree in Administrative Sciences and is a Certified Public Manager.

During his tenure, Chief Medina is seeking to enhance the mental well-being of officers in the county by collaborating with other police leaders.

"I am honored to be a part of such a great organization that allows police leaders to gather and exchange ideas and information along with improving communication between the public and law enforcement."

The Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police was established in 1961 and has evolved into an organization with a mission to promote law enforcement excellence in Palm Beach County. Their members are recognized as leaders in their field and are responsible for developing leading-edge policies and practices for policing.

Resident's Academy



NOW Accepting Applications!

April 5, 2023 - May 17, 2023

Visit our website to complete and application or use the QR Code.



<https://www.tequesta.org/1519/Residents-Academy>

The Village of Tequesta Resident's Academy is intended to teach residents about the importance of their local government and will provide the surface level knowledge necessary to understand the inner workings of municipal government.

Purpose:

- To meet and learn from the leaders and employees of the Village of Tequesta
- To gain knowledge that can be used in all aspects of local government
- To create a strong sense of community and friendship with other residents in Tequesta

Description:

The Village of Tequesta Resident's Academy is an eight week long program comprised of an interactive learning academy for the residents of the Village. Each session will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., focus on a different part of local government and give an overview of what each department does for the residents of Tequesta. Following the completion of the program, residents will have a better understanding about the systems, operations, structures, and happenings of the Tequesta government.

Cost:

The resident's academy is free for all residents who choose to join.

Eligibility for Academy:

To be eligible for the Academy, we ask that the individual is 18 years or older, an incorporated resident of the Village of Tequesta and submit an application. The program is limited to 20 seats and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Completion of Academy:

After completion of the Resident's Academy, each resident will be given a certification of completion that indicates the resident has gone through the full course. Every individual who goes through the course will have a valuable and beneficial knowledge of local government.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be in the Fire Department? You can volunteer to complete routine tasks so our first responders can stay focused on saving lives. Call us for more information.

HELP COMPLETE ROUTINE TASKS SO FIRST RESPONDERS CAN STAY FOCUSED ON SAVING LIVES

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER
APPLICANTS THAT QUALIFY WILL BE TRAINED IN:
CPR
STOP THE BLEED
FIRE PREVENTION
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS
HIPPA COMPLIANCE
AND MORE

INTERACT WITH THE COMMUNITY DURING PUBLIC EDUCATION
ASSIST WITH MAINTENANCE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES
STAFF FIRE DEPARTMENT EVENTS
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH ASSISTING ADMINISTRATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 768-0557

VOT EMPLOYEES

Star Award Winners

John Lundgren	Dennis Rick
Maynor Barrientos	Ariel Ramirez
Lisa Conti	Emir Yildiz
Steve Canning	John Kostyo
Kasey Fyda	Parks & Rec Team



New Employees

Christopher Huckins - Recreation Specialist I

Anniversaries

Michael Bendsneyder **5 years**



VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA COFFEE WITH THE MANAGER

Village Manager, Jeremy Allen, hosts a monthly "Coffee with the Manager" at a local Tequesta coffee shop. Each month the manager will have department staff on hand to talk about important issues affecting our residents.



2nd Tuesday of each month
from 8:00 am - 10:00 am.

February 14 - Perk Coffee House
March 14 - Carve Surf & Coffee

Locations to be posted monthly.



TEQUESTA'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE (Continued from Page 1)

SAMPLE BALLOT BACK

Village of Tequesta Question 3 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 3	Village of Tequesta Question 5 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 5
<p>"CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR DRAWING OF LOTS TO RESOLVE A TIE VOTE BETWEEN COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATES"</p> <p>"SHALL THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR RUNOFF ELECTIONS TO RESOLVE TIE VOTES AMONG CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILMEMBER OFFICE, AND TO INSTEAD PROVIDE FOR THE DRAWING OF LOTS?"</p> <p>"ENMIENDA A LA CARTA QUE PROPORCIONE UN PROCESO DE SORTEO PARA RESOLVER UN EMPATE ENTRE CANDIDATOS A CONCEJALES"</p> <p>"¿SE DEBE ENMENDAR LA CARTA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA PARA ELIMINAR EL REQUISITO DE LAS ELECCIONES DE SEGUNDA VUELTA PARA RESOLVER LOS VOTOS DE EMPATE ENTRE LOS CANDIDATOS A LA OFICINA DE CONCEJAL, Y EN SU LUGAR PREVER UN PROCESO DE SORTEO?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SÍ <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p>	<p>"CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR REFERENDUM VOTER APPROVAL PRIOR TO DISSOLVING THE POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS"</p> <p>"SHALL THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM AND VOTER APPROVAL PRIOR TO ANY FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR DISSOLVING, ABOLISHING, OR OUTSOURCING THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT?"</p> <p>"ENMIENDA A LA CARTA QUE PROPORCIONE LA APROBACIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES DEL REFERÉNDUM ANTES DE DISOLVERSE LOS DEPARTAMENTOS DE POLICÍA O BOMBEROS"</p> <p>"¿SE DEBE ENMENDAR LA CARTA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA PARA REQUERIR UN REFERÉNDUM Y LA APROBACIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES ANTES DE CUALQUIER CONSIDERACIÓN FUTURA POR PARTE DEL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO PARA DISOLVER, ABOLIR O SUBCONTRATAR EL DEPARTAMENTO DE POLICÍA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA O EL DEPARTAMENTO DE BOMBEROS?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SÍ <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p>
Village of Tequesta Question 4 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 4	Village of Tequesta Question 6 Pueblo de Tequesta Pregunta 6
<p>"CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS FOR COUNCILMEMBER VACANCIES"</p> <p>"SHALL THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A COUNCILMEMBER VACANCY CAUSED BY DEATH, RESIGNATION, REMOVAL FROM OFFICE, OR FAILURE TO QUALIFY, AND TO INSTEAD ALLOW A TEMPORARY VILLAGE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION?"</p> <p>"ENMIENDA A LA CARTA QUE PROPORCIONE NOMBRAMIENTOS TEMPORALES PARA CONCEJALES VACANTES"</p> <p>"¿SE DEBE ENMENDAR LA CARTA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA PARA ELIMINAR EL REQUISITO DE UNA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL PARA LLENAR UNA VACANTE DE CONCEJAL CAUSADA POR MUERTE, RENUNCIA, DESTITUCIÓN DE SU CARGO O FALTA DE CALIFICACIÓN Y EN SU LUGAR PERMITIR UN NOMBRAMIENTO TEMPORAL EN EL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO HASTA LAS PRÓXIMAS ELECCIONES GENERALES?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SÍ <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p>	<p>"CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE TEXT EDITS, INTERNAL CONSISTENCY, AND GENERAL CLARIFICATION AND ORGANIZATION"</p> <p>"SHALL THE VILLAGE OF TEQUESTA CHARTER BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE NON-SUBSTANTIVE TEXT EDITS, INTERNAL CONSISTENCY, GENERAL LANGUAGE CLARIFICATION, AND ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 12-22, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL ON JULY 14, 2022?"</p> <p>"ENMIENDA A LA CARTA QUE PROPORCIONE MODIFICACIONES DE TEXTOS NO SUSTANTIVOS, CONSISTENCIA INTERNA Y LA ACLARACIÓN Y ORGANIZACIÓN GENERAL"</p> <p>"¿SE DEBE ENMENDAR LA CARTA DEL PUEBLO DE TEQUESTA PARA PROPORCIONAR MODIFICACIONES DE TEXTO NO SUSTANCIALES CONSISTENCIA INTERNA, ACLARACIÓN GENERAL DEL LENGUAJE Y ORGANIZACIÓN DE ACUERDO CON LA ORDENANZA 12-22 APROBADA Y ADOPTADA POR EL CONSEJO DEL PUEBLO EL 14 DE JULIO DE 2022?"</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES / SÍ <input type="radio"/> NO / NO</p>

FIRE DEPARTMENT HISTORY



On March 9th of 1993 the citizens of Tequesta voted to start their own Fire Department. On August 12, 1993 the Village of Tequesta adopted ordinance No. 459 of the Village of Tequesta Code of Ordinances, establishing the Fire Department and the position of Fire Chief. Fire Chief James Weinand was hired to build the new department. The Tequesta Fire Department became operational on October 1st of 1993.

Tequesta Fire Rescue Opening Day Roster (October 1st, 1993)

Fire Chief James Weinand
Administrative Lt. Charles Burnsed (Floater)

A Shift	B Shift	C Shift
Lt. William Davis	Lt. Alex Nathanson	Lt. James Trube
FF. John Flint	FF. William Garrigan	FF. Rickman Taylor
FF. Thomas Barnes	FF. Robert Pieris	FF. Daniel Tilles
FF. Emmitt Lee	FF. Derooy Oliff	FF. Craig Halladay

Save the Swales

Protect Florida's Water



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THE SOLUTION

Do you know what a swale is? How about a berm?

When land is converted from its natural state to other uses, such as roads, homes, and shopping centers, many impervious or paved surfaces are created. Rainfall becomes stormwater when it can no longer soak into the ground and "runs off" the impervious surfaces.

The volume, speed and pollutants of stormwater runoff increase with land development. Stormwater management practices are used to retain or detain runoff to filter out the pollutants. These practices also minimize flooding, protect property and reduce pollution of water bodies.

SWALES are one of the most commonly used stormwater practices. For many years, swales have been used to direct runoff from rural highways and residential streets.

Today, swales not only direct stormwater but also help filter runoff and reduce pollutants.

A swale slows down the rapid flow of stormwater runoff by ponding water between its sloping sides, often called berms. The ponding not only slows the rate of flow but allows pollutants to settle out of the water. When the swale becomes full, the cleaner surface water will spill over the berm and slowly run into a local water body. Eventually, the remaining ponded water will either evaporate or infiltrate into the soil.

What YOU Can DO...

- Let water pond. Runoff should temporarily pond in the swale for 24 to 26 hours.
- Mow the swale but keep it at a good grass growth.
- Remove and compost leaves and grass clippings from swales.
- Minimize use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
- Understand that sometimes swales must be dug out in order to reestablish their shape - this allows swales to continue doing their job, collecting soil so it does not reach water bodies.
- Do not pile garbage, trash, leaves, limbs or garden debris in swales - this adds pollutants which can wash into downstream waters.
- Do not pave the swale - this reduces the filtration and infiltration of runoff.
- Do not park vehicles in the swale - this compacts the soil so less runoff soaks in.

Contact the following for more information!

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Nonpoint Source Management
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400
Phone: (850) 245-7508

MIDWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE FLORIDA DIVISION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
1470 Treeland Blvd., SE
Palm Bay, FL 32909
Phone: (321) 723-4547

N M B PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT
17050 NE 19th Avenue
North Miami Beach, FL 33162
Phone: (305) 948-2967

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BE MINDFUL OF FLOOD RISK

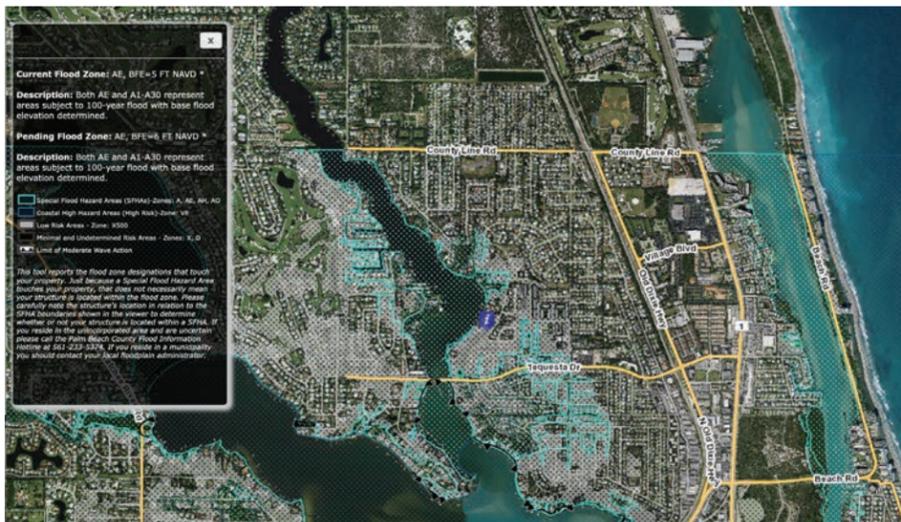
**Purchase National Flood Insurance.
Don't be caught unprepared.**



Living close to water has its benefits, and flood hazards often accompany those benefits. Although today, we have much better information about floods and construction engineering than just a few decades ago. Floods still take a heavy toll on society; costing lives, damaging buildings and property, disrupting livelihoods, and often necessitating federal disaster relief, which has risen to record levels in recent years.

Weather-related disasters over the last several decades, and extreme events have been happening more frequently resulting in greater losses, costs and damages. Additionally, climate variability and change adds many uncertainties to future flood risk estimates, and costs for the engineering of projects to withstand flooding are rising. Communities across the country are now looking ahead and making decisions that will hopefully increase their economic and ecological resilience and minimize their risks. Many are attempting to determine how climate change may affect them in the future, and how officials can incorporate the best available data into short-term and long-term decision-making.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), also known as flood hazard maps, are important tools in the effort to protect lives and properties in communities across the nation. By showing the extent to which areas of the Village and individual properties are at risk for flooding, these flood maps help residents and business owners make better financial decisions about protecting their property. However, flood risks are dynamic and can change over time. Water flow and drainage patterns can be altered dramatically due to surface erosion, land use, and natural forces. As a result, flood maps for some areas may no longer accurately portray the current flood risks. Consequently, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been updating the nation's flood maps using the latest data gathering and mapping technology.



There are three types of Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) present in the Village of Tequesta: the floodway (river), the flood fringe (river banks), and Coastal Storm Surge velocity flooding. We are affected by two forks of the Loxahatchee River in the Village (the North and Northwest), as well as the Inter-Coastal Waterway/Jupiter Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Areas lying east of Federal Highway are particularly vulnerable to flooding from hurricane storm surges, while people to the west may be vulnerable to riverine flooding. Historically, the Village of Tequesta has mainly been subject to flooding caused by tropical storms or heavy downpours during afternoon thunderstorms. It just takes one storm to cause a flood, and just a few inches of water can cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage often necessitating federal disaster relief.

The Village of Tequesta has been a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1992, which makes it possible for Village property owners to obtain federally backed flood insurance. National Flood Insurance is the best hope to keep residents from paying for the damage out of pocket since homeowners, renters and business insurance policies typically don't cover flood damage.

National Flood Insurance is available to any owner of insurable property for a building or its contents. Tenants may also insure their personal property against flood loss. The actual costs will vary depending upon the amount of coverage and the degree of flood hazard. Contact your insurance carrier regarding flood insurance availability, rates and coverage for your property.

In certain instances, such as the purchase of a home with a federally backed mortgage, flood insurance is required. Residents need to be advised of the following:

- There is a 30-day waiting period for flood insurance policies;
- New flood insurance policies will not be written once a storm is approaching;
- Premiums for flood insurance policy holders provide the financial recovery for insured flood losses - not tax funds;
- With insurance proceeds, policyholders can repair or rebuild damaged homes, clear away debris, and replace business inventories and personal belongings;
- Flood insurance policyholders don't need to rely solely on federal disaster loans that must be repaid with interest;
- Flood insurance claims are usually handled quickly, helping flood victims rebuild homes and businesses.

The community qualifies for a 20% discount on flood insurance as a community participating in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). To acquire and maintain CRS discounts, the Village of Tequesta continues to implement flood awareness and mitigation programs in an effort to provide better information and assistance to its homeowners and businesses. The Village provides a status report to the NFIP each year and maintains a Class 6 CRS rating.

Reduce the financial impact of flooding by taking steps yourself before disaster strikes. Many residents and business owners in Tequesta are unaware that they qualify for flood insurance. Even more may be unaware they may qualify for Federal financial assistance both pre-disaster and post-disaster. Everyone should review their current homeowner policy and become familiar with what is and what is not covered, as damage due to flooding is typically not covered.

Contact the Building Department for information as to whether or not your home is in danger. Our staff can help you determine your flood zone and elevation. Just call 561-768-0450, check us out on the web at www.tequesta.org, or stop by Village Hall during business hours.

Flood Watch = "Be Aware" - Conditions are right for flooding to occur in your area.

Steps to Take

- Turn on your TV/radio. You will receive the latest weather updates and emergency instructions;
- Know where to go. You may need to reach higher ground quickly and on foot;
- Build or restock your emergency preparedness kit. Include a flashlight, batteries, cash and first aid supplies.

Prepare Your Home

- Bring in outdoor furniture and move important indoor items to the highest possible floor. This will help protect them from flood damage;
- Disconnect electrical appliances and do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water. You could be electrocuted;
- If instructed, turn off your gas and electricity at the main switch or valve. This helps prevent fires and explosions.

Flood Warning = "Take Action!" - Flooding is either happening or will happen shortly.

Steps to Take

- Move immediately to higher ground or stay on high ground;
- Evacuate if directed;
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown! Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away.

After the Flood

- Return home only when authorities say it is safe;
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded and watch out for debris;
- Floodwaters often erode roads and walkways;
- Do not attempt to drive through areas that are still flooded;
- Avoid standing water as it may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines;
- Photograph damage of your property for insurance purposes.