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# Newsletter

Newsletter for the City of Tavares Residents

September/October 2011

## Reclaimed Water Project Underway



Purple pipes are sprouting up all over Tavares as the City moves forward with a major initiative to establish a reclaimed water system. Reclaimed water is specially treated wastewater that is used for irrigation of residential and commercial landscapes, as well as local agriculture. Colored pipes are used to differentiate between the treated water (purple pipes) and potable (or drinkable) water (blue pipes).

Reclaimed water is recycled water which reduces the City's dependence on Florida's limited groundwater resources and reserves potable water for drinking, bathing and fire protection. The treated water will be directed toward special water meters that are utilized for lawn irrigation. The reclaimed water has a higher level of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen that help with landscape fertilization, yet it is not high enough concentration to harm the wetlands or water bodies.

This project is Phase 1 of 4 separate projects that

will continue to improve the distribution, quality and management of the City's reclaimed water resources. During Phase 1, pipes are being installed on Woodlea Road, Dead River Road, Slim Haywood, a portion of CR561 and SR 19 to Hickory Point, at a cost of \$2.4 million. Funding is provided by the City of Tavares, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD).



## *Splash Park a Winner!*

Tavares Splash Park has received national recognition as a "2011 Dream Design" from Aquatics International. The Splash Park, located downtown within Wooton Park, has become a popular destination for residents and visitors alike, and drew capacity crowds throughout the summer.

## Aesop's Park is Ready for Unveiling!



Over the last year Aesop's Park, located at 501 E. Caroline Street, has been transformed into a "Community Backyard." The City of Tavares is happy to announce that work is complete and a Grand Opening has been scheduled for October 22.

As mentioned in previous City Newsletters, a park designated as a "Community Backyard" offers amenities and activities that would normally take place in a residential backyard. The improvements were funded by the City of Tavares and a Community Development Block Grant from Lake County.

Just a few of Aesop's Park's amenities:

- Dog Park
- Vegetable Garden
- Fishing Pond
- Walking Trails
- Butterfly Garden
- Exercise stations
- Playground
- Picnic Area
- Public Restrooms
- Tennis Courts



**AESOP'S PARK**

**GRAND OPENING**  
**OCTOBER 22**

9am - 1pm

A fun day of activities is planned, so bring your pet, your kids, your friends or your spouse and come join the fun!

**Kid's Fishing Rodeo \* Gardening Clinics \* Nature Clinic \* Fitness Activities**  
**Zumbathon \* Kid's Bird House Clinic \* Face Painting \* Art Demos**  
**Scarecrow Construction \* Tennis Demo \* Lots of Giveaways**

## Economic Development Continues to Make Strides

It was a very good summer for economic development in Tavares.

Tavares Station Development has broken ground downtown on a three story hotel at the corner of Joanna and Ruby Street. The new building will be a multi-use commercial building, estimated construction cost of \$1 - \$1.5 million, housing 2 retail shops, 1 cafe and 1 full service restaurant on the first floor, and 18 guest suites above. Bringing much needed hotel space to the downtown area, the owners expect to be open for business in early 2012, and will create approximately 30 full-time jobs.

Osprey Lodge, a 125,000 sq.ft. Senior Assisted Living and Dementia/Alzheimer's Care Home is under construction in the medical park across from Florida Hospital Waterman. Construction cost is estimated to be

\$30 million. The first phase of the project will feature 76 units (5 stories) of assisted living and 48 units (1 story) for Dementia/Alzheimer residents. Once completed,

the new facility is expected to bring between 60 and 80 new jobs to Tavares, as well as generate several hundred construction related jobs over the next year. The City received \$140,000 in permit fees for Osprey Lodge, which becomes an anchor tenant in Tavares' Medical Park, a component of the City's economic development master plan.

Both of these construction projects benefitted from the City's business incentives by waiver of impact fees, conduit financing, or the postponement of other fees. By waiving startup fees, new businesses are able to get up and running quickly, offer a return to the City in the way of jobs, new property taxes and future utility revenues.



Artist's rendering of Osprey Lodge

## Tavares Youth Co-Ed Flag Football League Sign-Up

**Coaches Meeting:** October 3rd, 6:30pm, Tavares Civic Center

**Registration:** October 3 – 7, City Recreation Office; Bring copy of birth certificate

**Ages:** Pee Wee 5-6yrs, Youth 7-9yrs, Juniors 10-12yrs

**Games Played:** November 5, 12, 19 & December 3, 10, 17

All practices & games will be played at Woodlea Utility Fields

**For more information:**

**Carl Simple 352-742-6181 office / 352-516-8456 mobile**



## Floating Ghosts Séance Tour Comes to Entertainment District

Tavares welcomes a new entertainment business to downtown that's sure to offer a "ghost of a good time."

Venture into the haunted, historical world of Tavares, with the Floating Ghosts Séance Tour for a hair-raising, entertaining tour into the haunted past of this historic city. Meet the restless spirits and experience eerie sights and sounds.

The walk starts just after sundown on Saturday nights. Start times vary between 7pm and 9pm according to the season, so call for specific times. Tours are filling up fast, so make reservations today!

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## Don't Forget - Mark Your Calendar

# Waste Collection Holiday Schedule

### Veterans' Day - Friday, November 11

No Friday pickup of garbage and brush.

Next pickup day: garbage Tues. 11/15/11; brush Fri. 11/18/11

### Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 24

No Thursday pickup of garbage and brush.

Next pickup day: Mon. 11/28/11; brush Thurs. 12/1/11

### Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 25

No Friday pickup of garbage and brush.

Next pickup day: garbage Tues. 11/29/11; brush Fri. 12/2/11

### Christmas Eve (Observed) - Friday, December 23

No Friday pickup of garbage and brush.

Next pickup day: garbage Tues. 12/27/11; brush Fri. 01/06/12

### Christmas Day (Observed) - Monday, December 26

No Monday pickup of garbage and bulk.

Next pickup day: garbage Thurs. 12/29/11; bulk Mon. 01/09/12

### New Year's Eve (Observed) - Friday, December 30

No Friday pickup of garbage and brush.

Next pickup day: garbage Tues. 01/3/12; brush Fri. 01/06/12

### New Year's Day (Observed) - Monday, January 2, 2012

No Monday pickup of garbage and bulk.

Next pickup day: garbage Thurs. 01/05/12; bulk Mon. 01/09/12



## Tavares Welcomes Taiwan Youth Ambassadors

City Hall was honored recently by a visit from a group of Youth Ambassadors from Taiwan. The young ladies were traveling the United States to learn more about American culture and were accompanied by their chaperones, representatives of the Taipei Cultural Office in Miami and local businessman Paul Lao.

Mayor Robert Wolfe, Administrator John Drury, and City staff members were treated to an impromptu concert featuring the Ocarina, an ancient Chinese instrument that has a very unique sound. The Ambassadors performed several Chinese songs, as well as a rousing rendition of "She'll be coming around the mountain". Their visit concluded with a tour of City Hall, Tavares Police Department and the Seaplane Base.



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## Tavares Recreation Park Gets a Face-lift



Tavares recently received a grant from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Boating Improvement Program, for improvements to the boat ramp and docks at Tavares Recreation Park, located at 2030 W. Burleigh Blvd.

The total cost of the project is \$77,500, with \$53,500.00 in funding coming from FWC and the City's

match at \$19,000.00 and in-kind services of \$5,000.00.