

# CITY MANAGER REPORT

## FOR CITY COMMISSION MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2015

### 1. 33rd Annual Planning and Design Awards

The Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission held its *33rd Annual Planning and Design Awards* at Pepin's Hospitality Centre, on October 29. At this well attended event, an Award of Excellence was presented by Commissioner Gary Pike to the City of Plant City for our work in connection with the development of the Midtown Village Green in the Entertainment/Investment/Redevelopment/Environmental category.

As you recall, creating a focal point was an important goal of Midtown Vision Plan, so the Village Green was designed and built to anchor and support the future mixed use development pattern envisioned for Midtown. Two major accomplishments of the Village Green are: 1) A park that very quickly looked attractive, enticing businesses and potential developers to the heart of Midtown, and; 2) Designed to allow natural vegetation to continue the attenuation process to clean the aquifer within and around the Village Green.

### 2. 13th Annual Plant City Pig Jam

Again this year, the Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce Suncoast Credit Union Plant City Pig Jam will be held on two days on Friday, November 20 from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. As a State Championship event, over 80 entrants, both professional and amateur, are expected to compete. Great food and drink, live entertainment both days, kid's activities and merchandise bring in over 15,000 attendees each year. The event is held at the Randy L. Larson Softball Four-Plex, 1500 South Park Road, with free admission and only \$5 per car for parking.

### 3. Snowden Park and West Side Canal Improvement Projects Resident Meeting

On Thursday, November 5, at 6 p.m., City staff conducted a community meeting with residents and other interested parties concerning two ongoing projects: Snowden Park and West Side Canal. The meeting was held at Mt. Olive Baptist Church on Ball Street. Approximately 22 citizens were in attendance.

City staff provided overviews of the projects, answered general questions, and met with residents one-on-one to ensure that all concerns were addressed. Project plans and drawings were also on display and reviewed with the residents in attendance.

The two projects were summarized for residents as follows:

- The Snowden Park project will include redevelopment of the site with amenities previously provided. These include new ballfields, basketball court, dugouts and field lighting, restroom pavilion, playground and lighting around the pedestrian trail.
- The West Side Canal project expands an existing retention pond and drainage system. This project will enhance stormwater quality, resulting in improved lake and river water quality.

City staff who conducted this briefing included: Bill McDaniel, Assistant City Manager; Michael Schenk, City Engineer; Terry Ritter, Assistant City Engineer; Tatyana Austin, Engineering Project Manager; and Karen Collins, Community Services Director.

Representatives for the contractors on both projects were also in attendance at this meeting.

#### 4. Building Permits

<b>PERMITS ISSUED REPORT</b>				
<b>OCT 2015 (F/Y 2015-2016)</b>				
<b>Type of Permit Issued</b>	<b>CURRENT MONTH</b>		<b>PRIOR YEAR MONTH</b>	
	<b># of Permits</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b># of Permits</b>	<b>Estimated Value</b>
New Residential (SF) Units	1	\$109,000	6	\$763,430
New Duplex/Townhouse Units	8	\$678,000		
New Multi-Family (MF) Units				
Residential Repairs, Alterations & Additions	68	\$514,474	91	\$632,397
New Commercial Construction	1	\$250,000		
New Industrial Construction				
Non-Res. Building Repairs, Alterations & Additions	11	\$396,221	15	\$225,384
Miscellaneous: Fences, Pools, etc.	21	\$113,296	9	\$84,191
Mobile Homes				
Demolition	1	\$1,000	1	\$3,600
Mechanical	41	\$632,550	43	\$470,039
Plumbing	50	\$614,382	50	\$200,539
Gas	7	\$16,200	2	\$5,800
Electrical	43	\$1,542,305	46	\$312,394
<b>TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$4,867,428</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>\$2,697,774</b>
<b>% CHANGE / PRIOR YEAR</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>		
<b>CUMULATIVE YTD</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$4,867,428</b>	<b>2,253</b>	<b>\$63,345,551</b>
<b>CUMULATIVE % CHANGE YOY</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>	<b>80.4%</b>		

#### **NOTES**

1. "Year" means fiscal year; begins October 1 each calendar year and ends September 30 the following calendar year.
2. "Cumulative YTD" includes all current & prior month totals for the respective fiscal year.
3. "% Change / Prior Year" is the net percentage increase or decrease from the prior fiscal year's monthly totals.
4. "Cumulative % Change YOY" is the net percentage increase or decrease from the prior fiscal year's cumulative totals.

I like going to the library because the people are helpful. On Sundays, I am learning to read and write with my tutor, Flo Stein. Flo is a good teacher.

My husband and I bring our laptops to use the internet and play games.

**Paula**  
**BRUTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**



## Bruton Memorial Library

The Wilson Elementary kindergarteners walked to our library last Friday, Oct. 30, to hear seasonal stories read by John Russell, our Youth Librarian. The students were in costumes, but didn't trick us. We treated them to Halloween candy and a free book.

