CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL

State of the City



2023


CITY HALL



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City Hall Plaza facing North

MESSAGE FROM THE *City Manager*

On behalf of the City Council and City Staff, we are very pleased to present the 2023 State of the City Report!

In 2023, we stayed the course of furthering our Resiliency goals. We continued our focus on quality-of-life issues while making budgetary adjustments as a result of post-Covid inflation, the highest inflation rates seen since the early 80's. We turned toward reaffirming our roots as a community, acknowledging what makes Cape Canaveral special: a sense of small town. At this time, we also find ourselves needing to defend those roots by advocating for Home Rule. A particular focus area is the evolving State preemption regarding residential heights and densities (the Live Local Act).

This Report will focus on the accomplishments of 2023. Central to the report is a focus on our 2021 City of Cape Canaveral Resiliency Plan – a document intended to guide our City's future wellbeing by adopting several Sustainable Policies that are in direct response to the challenges predicted to affect our City for future generations. The report also gives a clear picture of where we are headed in 2024 and beyond.

Staff continues to advance our City Council's goals. All of which are detailed in the departmental reports on the following pages. Take a look throughout to see what has and will be happening within in your community.

Your City Staff is committed to customer service excellence. In all we do, we abide by the tenets of providing ethical, transparent and high-quality governmental services to our community and its residents. As City Manager, I remain committed to open communication; free and open-minded exchange of ideas and transparency at all levels of local government. I have an open-door policy and welcome those who want to reach out to the City Manager's office to voice their thoughts, ideas and concerns.



CITY MANAGER

PHOTO RIGHT

Sunrise at the Lifeguard Station on Cape Canaveral Beach



CAPE CANAVERAL *At a Glance*

RE-VISIONING OUR FUTURE

In 2022, City Staff initiated the "Re-Vision Cape Canaveral" project, with the objective of revisiting and updating the 2009 Community Vision Statement. This Project collected input through a series of community workshops and surveys, soliciting responses from residents, seasonal visitors, businesses, and stakeholders alike. Compiling feedback from more than 1,000 participants, the Re-Visioning Project provided insight into the priorities, services, developments and amenities desired for the City's future.

The final revised Vision Statement was reviewed and officially adopted by City Council at its Regular Meeting on February 20, 2023.

> *A warm, inclusive beachside community that embraces its small-town feel and enhances the beauty and integrity of its natural environment; promoting resilience, safety, sensible mobility with an emphasis on pedestrian needs, business-friendly development and responsible community stewardship; through a shared commitment to a balanced, respectful and neighborly philosophy that inspires future-ready essential civic services and quality-of-life amenities.*

MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Cape Canaveral government seeks to provide excellence in municipal services by supporting a high quality of life, fiscal responsibility and leadership in environmental stewardship, sustainability, and resiliency, while celebrating diversity and fostering innovation.

ELECTED OFFICIALS



WES MORRISON
MAYOR



MICKIE KELLUM
MAYOR PRO TEM



KIM DAVIS
COUNCIL MEMBER



KAY JACKSON
COUNCIL MEMBER



DON WILLIS
COUNCIL MEMBER

2020 FEDERAL CENSUS DATA[1]

Population 2022
9,987

Population 2010
9,972

Age

Under 18	7%
18 – 64	59%
65+	34%

Owner Occupied Homes
61.4%

Median Gross Rent
$1,047

Households 2018-2022
5,776

Persons Per Household
1.73

Education: Residents 25+

High School Diploma +	94.7%
Bachelors Degree +	36.5%

Median Household Income
$68,495

1."Quick Facts: Cape Canaveral, City Florida," U.S. Census Bureau, accessed February 14, 2024, https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/capecanaveralcityflorida/PST045223

ADMINISTRATIVE + FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Administrative and Financial Services Department is responsible for the managment and support of all aspects of City business. It provides accurate and timely information regarding the City's financial affairs, focusing on both analysis and efficiency. Transparency and thoroughness in all we do are paramount in performing at a superior level. This focus and persistence will help ensure residents are receiving the most return from their investment in the City.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain fiscal integrity and insure that all transactions follow generally accepted accounting principles.
- Serve as City funds administrator and collect monies pursuant to directive of the City Manager and City Council, Florida Statutes and Code of Ordinances.
- Prepare the annual budget in conjunction with the City Manager and with the assistance of all offices and boards.
- Reports the City's current financial position through monthly financial statements and quarterly presentations.



STAFF

John DeLeo	Director	**Jenny Coldiron**	Deputy Director
Cheryl Puleo	Financial Analyst	**Donna Getz**	Financial + Resource Analyst
Kelly Bowen	BTR + Accounting Technician		

EFFICIENCY

The strength of the City's accounting and financial services is driven by its Staff, and its composition allows for completion of an increased workload, greater control of the City's Fixed Asset Inventory and increased returns in Accounts Receivable. To further the City's fiscal effectiveness, the City has expanded its use of its BS&A software, which has increased revenue management efficiency, expedited resolution of enforcement issues and improved overall customer service to the City throughout.

REALIZED GRANTS	DEBT SERVICE	STATE REVOLVING FUND
$11.63M	9.8%	$1.3M
SINCE 1997		*FY 2023*

FINANCIAL REPORTING + ANNUAL AUDIT

This department prepares all County, State and Federal Financial Reports. This includes issuance of the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded the City a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Fiscal Year 2021-2022 ACFR. This marks the 28th straight year the City has received this award. Monthly Financial and Investment Reports are also provided through the City Manager. Each year, the Administrative and Financial Services team coordinate the annual audit of the City's financial activities.

The City strives to diversify its revenue streams to position itself for redevelopment and success in the future. Boasting a less than 10% debt service percentage, the City's financial position is sound as it moves to become an upscale, seaside City with an abundance of amenities to stimulate the local economy for years to come.

The City has also realized $11,631,330.89 in Grants since 1997 and has utilized over $1,320,000 for FY 2023 in State Revolving Fund Loans for Wastewater/Stormwater Projects. Staff will continue to aggressively pursue this type of supplemental funding to ensure that the City reaps the maximum value from its community investments. This will bring the City to the forefront, reinforcing its vision and commitment to its residents.

PURCHASING

Purchase Orders are managed for acquisition of equipment, supplies and services needed for the City to accomplish its mission; ensuring accuracy, proper account assignment and compliance with purchasing procedures. As a member of the Brevard County Cooperative, the City continues, at every opportunity, to take full advantage of contracts which will help the City ensure it is getting the best price for materials and will allow more dollars to be available in the City's overall budget. In addition, use of the Owner Direct Purchase (ODP) Program has allowed significant tax savings in material purchases. This method of purchasing allows the City to directly purchase materials for major projects and realize all tax savings associated with this material. Consequently, it reduces costs to the overall contract value. The City will continue to take advantage of the ODP Program as it begins major projects.

BUDGETING

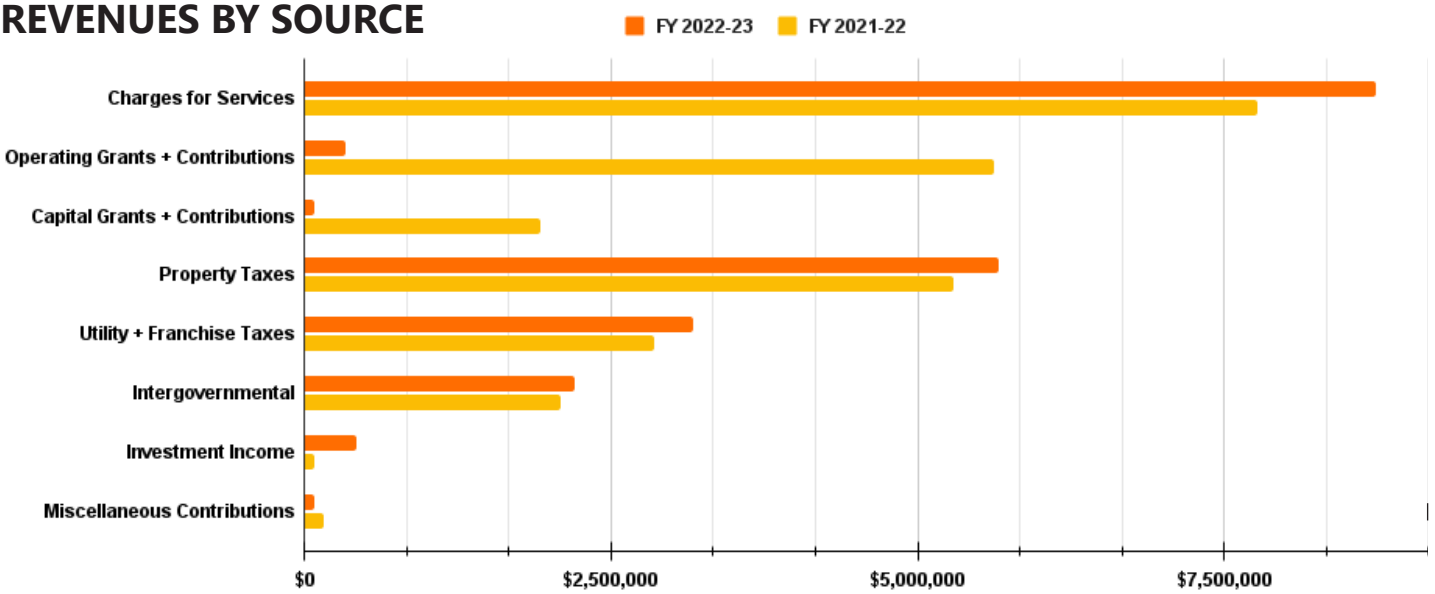
This department, under the guidance of the City Manager, provides financial management required to maintain a sound fiscal structure, budgetary control, and long-range financial planning.

This includes assisting the City Manager in coordination and preparation of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the City's Annual Budget. In November 2023, Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) notified the City that all Truth in Millage (TRIM) documents filed, including the Maximum Millage Levy Calculation Final Disclosure, met certification requirements. Florida DOR determined that the City is in compliance with the maximum total taxes levied requirements and, thus, the maximum millage levy requirements set by Florida Statutes.

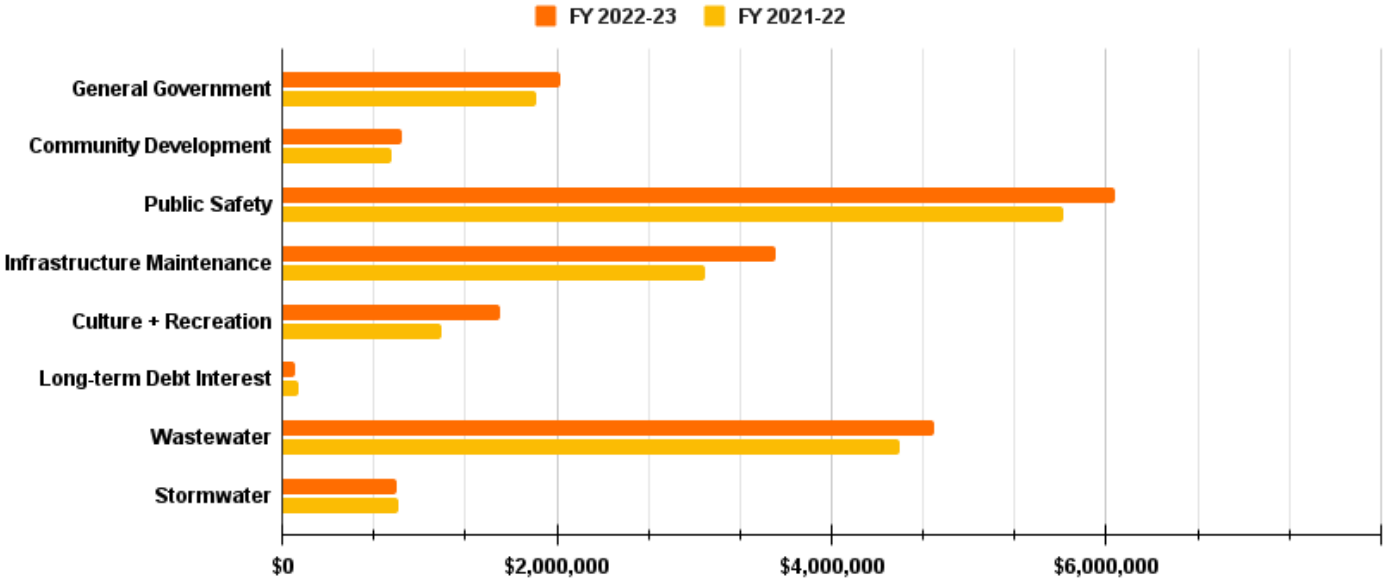
REVENUES FY 2022-23	EXPENSES FY 2022-23
$20,694,061	$19,809,446
REVENUES FY 2021-22	**EXPENSES FY 2021-22**
$25,791,228	$18,038,695



REVENUES BY SOURCE



EXPENDITURES BY SOURCE



COLLECTION OF REVENUE

Revenue is collected from a variety of sources including User Charges, Ad Valorem Tax, Utility Service Taxes, Franchise Fees, State Shared Revenues and Communication Service Tax. Other Revenue sources of note include Local Option Gas Taxes, Leisure Services Revenues and Interest Earnings. The well thought-out pursuit of Revenue streams enables the City to grow and, at the same time, does not overburden the residents. This trend will continue with the passage of the new Ad Valorem Tax Rate on September 20, 2023, which is the fourth lowest in the County at a Millage Rate of 3.5064.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Payments are made to vendors for services/materials received. City vendors are much better served due to checks being issued the 1st and 15th of each month. Additionally, this allows the City to manage cash flow more efficiently. Employee payroll checks and related benefits are paid on a bi-weekly basis. Financial Services banking practices and constant analysis of service charges/fees ensures the City is getting the most for its banking needs. The Positive Pay Program has all but eliminated the threat of fraud, overdrafts and ensured timely payment.

PHOTO LEFT

The Banana River at Sunset as seen from Manatee Park

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital Projects (CP) is responsible for the City's Stormwater Program as well as directing areas of project management and the administration of infrastructure improvement projects such as those related to stormwater, wastewater and streetscapes.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Works closely with Staff, consultants and the City Engineer in the development, design, management and construction of infrastructure improvement projects.
- Works closely with Public Works Services (PWS) Staff in the construction of improvements to the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF), lift stations, sanitary sewer lines, etc.
- With the assistance of consultants, develops bid specifications, engineering drawings, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packages, etc.
- Serves as Project Manager for the management and administration of projects funded by the City's approximately $20 million State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans.
- Manages the City's Competitive Consultants Negotiations Act (CCNA) Program which regulates the process for the selection of consulting engineers for infrastructure improvement projects.
- Assists Staff coordinating activities with regulatory agencies regarding water quality issues including Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).
- Monitors all permit requirements and prepares all reports required by the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit.
- Acts as Grant Administrator to include sourcing of new grant opportunities and performing grant writing, execution and compliance ad reporting.

STAFF

Jeffery Ratliff Director
Tim Carlisle Deputy Director

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE 2023

- Managed dredging of the Central Ditch to remove excess vegetation and muck.
- Monitored projects completed by others including Florida Power & Light, City of Cocoa Utilities Department, street sweeping contractor, developers, etc.
- Assisted PWS Staff in improvements to the WRF, collections systems and routine maintenance projects.
- Monitored activities and prepared all reports required by the City's NPDES permit and wastewater and stormwater-related grants.

PHOTO RIGHT
Sidewalk installation on Chandler Street


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MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
COMPLETED OR INITIATED IN 2023

LIFT STATION NO. 5 UPGRADE

This SRF-funded project includes the upgrade of Lift Station No. 5 located on the Treasure Island Condominium property. Improvements include new pumps, piping and electronics. A contractor was selected and the project is under construction with completion scheduled for early 2024.

LIFT STATION NO. 8 UPGRADE

This SRF-funded project included the upgrade of Lift Station No. 8 located adjacent to Thurm Boulevard. Improvements included new pumps, piping and electronics. The project is complete.

WRF STRUCTURAL BUILDINGS

This SRF-funded project includes the construction of protective metal buildings over key equipment locations at the WRF. Protection from the elements will significantly extend the functional life of the selected pumps and associated equipment. A contractor was selected and the project is under construction with completion scheduled for mid-to-late 2024.

HEADWORKS AND FILTER IMPROVEMENTS

This SRF-funded project included the replacement of the headworks complex and sand filter system at the WRF. The replacement equipment is the newest technology, which improves the quality of the WRF effluent (reclaimed water). The City received a grant in the amount of $250,000 from the State Legislature to assist in project funding. The project is complete.

CENTER STREET BASIN STUDY/IMPROVEMENTS

Due to extensive flooding in the Center Street Drainage Basin, a hydrologic study was performed to investigate potential improvements to the City's stormwater system. Results of the study indicate that construction of a pumping station at the western end of Center Street will help to alleviate the flooding issues. A contractor has been selected and is currently prepping for construction of the project with completion scheduled for mid-2024. The City received a $470,000 grant from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to assist in project funding.

COLLECTION/TRANSMISSION SYSTEM EVALUATION

(SENATE BILL 712 + HOUSE BILL 1091)

Phases I and II of this five-year FDEP Program were completed by the City's consultant. The work included GIS mapping of the City's sanitary sewer system and inspections of all manholes.

PHOTO RIGHT

Beemat at Manatee Sanctuary Park

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Staff submitted a revised Asset Management Plan (AMP) to FDEP covering the period from 2020 to 2022. The AMP is revised every two years to update FDEP on the progress of all major improvement projects and includes a listing of City assets. The AMP is also required to obtain any future project funding from FDEP.

CANAVERAL DRAINAGE BASIN STUDY

The Canaveral Drainage Basin, located in the northern portion of the City, is the largest drainage basin in the City and includes the Harbor Heights neighborhood and the Central Ditch. Due to historical flooding issues, a hydrologic study was performed to investigate potential drainage improvements. The study is currently under review.

OAK LANE IMPROVEMENTS

Engineering drawings and bid specs are currently being completed for improvements to Oak Lane. The project will include construction of a paved roadway, stormwater system and other improvements and is scheduled for completion in late-2024.

STORMWATER AND WASTEWATER 20-YEAR NEEDS ANALYSIS

(HOUSE BILL 53)

The State passed legislation requiring all cities and counties to perform a needs assessment of both their stormwater and wastewater systems for the next 20 years. This assessment included estimated costs for: (1) proposed capital/resiliency/water quality/wastewater projects and (2) estimated operation and maintenance. Staff completed both sections and submitted the final report to Brevard County in 2023.

BEEMATS REPLANTING

Five beemats (Floating Vegetative Islands [FVIs]) located in the stormwater retention ponds at Manatee Park and the WRF are currently being rebuilt and replanted with vegetation. The FVIs absorb nitrogen and phosphorous in stormwater thus improving water quality prior to discharge to the Banana River.



CLARIFIER REHAB PROJECT

An investigation of the WRF's two clarifiers revealed the need for replacement of the main components due to extensive wear/tear. Surficial repairs are also necessary for the interior of both clarifier tanks. The project is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in mid-2024.

DEEP WELL INJECTION STUDY (SENATE BILL 64)

A hydrologic study was performed to determine the feasibility and costs of constructing a deep injection well to dispose of the City's excess reclaimed water. The State passed new legislation limiting the discharge of excess reclaimed water to water bodies of the State by 2032. The City submitted an alternate plan that included a request for a wet weather discharge exemption. FDEP approved the City's plan, eliminating the need for a deep injection well resulting in savings estimated at $12-14 million.

SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION REPLACEMENT

This SRF-funded project included the installation of an up-to-date Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system at the WRF. The SCADA system will allow for critical monitoring of the wastewater treatment process and improved communication with the City's lift stations. The project is complete.



PHOTO ABOVE

Installation of new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system at the WRF

PHOTO RIGHT

Installation of stormwater hookup on West Central Blvd.



FUTURE DEPARTMENT GOALS

The two SRF loans obtained by the City provided approximately $20 million for the completion of many wastewater and collections system improvements. The remaining SRF-funded projects currently being constructed will be completed in 2024. New FDEP regulatory requirements will also result in the performance of a number of wastewater system evaluations.

Capital Projects will also continue to initiate, construct and monitor other major infrastructure improvement projects, pedestrian mobility upgrades, streetscape improvements, etc. One major goal for Capital Projects in 2024 is to continue making improvements to the City's stormwater and wastewater infrastructure. Secondary goals include:

- Investigate locations for potential stormwater detention ponds (e.g., Center Street) and other structures to limit stormwater discharges to the Banana River.
- Investigate and construct innovative methods for stormwater treatment due to the lack of available green space.
- Construct major infrastructure improvement projects designed in 2023.
- Construct sidewalks and bike lanes, where appropriate, throughout the City.
- Design and construct stormwater pumping stations to alleviate flooding in the Center and Canaveral Drainage Basins.
- Coordinate with Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL), FDEP, St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) and other organizations to obtain grant funding for stormwater improvement projects.
- Assist PWS in the performance of day-to-day operations in maintaining the sanitary sewer and stormwater systems.
- Assist other City departments with engineering design and construction of new park and recreational facilities.
- Research/respond to new unfunded mandates and stormwater/wastewater-related regulatory requirements passed by the Florida legislature.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

The City Clerk's Office (CCO) mission is to serve the public, manage public records and provide certain administrative services and support to the City Council, City Manager, Community Redevelopment Agency Board (CRA) and all City Departments. CCO Staff must meet multiple deadlines and perform a variety of tasks in order maintain compliance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, State and Federal Laws.

The City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk are proud members of the Brevard County City Clerks' Association, Florida Association of City Clerks and International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Preparation of documents including agenda packets and agenda items, ordinances, resolutions, proclamations and meeting minutes
- Codification of City ordinances
- Records Management System and oversight of public records requests as the primary records custodians
- Meets with new City personnel to discuss records management and public records law
- The City Clerk serves as the Qualifying/Filing Officer for each City election
- Assistance in project and contract Bids, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) process
- Compliance regarding website/records requests for accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Recruits/manages Volunteer Advisory Board membership
- Deputy City Clerk conducts annual training of the Crossing Guards to ensure compliance with Florida Department of Transportation

STAFF

Mia Goforth	City Clerk (Director)	**William Cardinale**	Records Technician
Daniel LeFever	Deputy City Clerk (Deputy Director)	**Melissa Doty**	Clerical Assistant

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PHOTO TOP RIGHT
City Clerk's tools of the trade



NOVEMBER 2023 GENERAL ELECTION

Three (3) candidates qualified for two (2) open City Council seats; incumbent Don Willis was re-elected for a second term and Kay Jackson was elected to join the City Council for a first term.

Additionally, after the City Referendum passed in 2022, this was the first year in which the candidates were required to meet the City Charter, Article II. City Council, Section 2.02 – Composition, eligibility, terms:

(b) Eligibility. Each candidate seeking the office of city council shall be domiciled within the city at least one (1) year immediately prior to the time of qualifying. The members of the city council shall be domiciled within the City of Cape Canaveral and shall have and possess the qualifications of registered voters of the City of Cape Canaveral. Any member of the city council who shall cease to have and possess the qualifications imposed on such office shall forfeit his or her office and said office shall immediately become vacant.

This voter-approved revision to the Charter resulted in some tweaks and additions to the candidate qualifying process.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY THE NUMBERS

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Coordinated enhanced AV production for twenty-two (22) Public Meetings including:

12 Regular City Council Meetings
1 Special City Council Meeting
1 Strategic Planning Retreat
8 Workshop Meetings:
Budget (x3)
Civic Hub (x3)
Traffic Study
Strategic Planning Report Review

BOARD APPOINTMENTS + REAPPOINTMENTS BY RESOLUTION (FY 2022-23)

3 Board of Adjustment
6 Business and Economic Development Board
2 Community Appearance Board
2 Culture and Leisure Services Board
3 Planning and Zoning Board

COUNCIL ITEMS PROCESSED (FY 2022-23)

25 Resolutions
23 Sets of Minutes
11 Ordinances
16 Proclamations

RECORDS MANAGEMENT (FY 2022-23)

Completed in accordance with State of Florida retention and compliance guidelines.

- Processed 85+ Public Records Requests
- Disposition for 94.9 cu. ft. of records

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CRA) BOARD

The City Clerk serves as the recording secretary of the CRA Board and the CCO handles the public noticing of agendas and distribution of packets. For Fiscal Year 2022-23, the CRA Board held five (5) Meetings on October 18, 2022, January 17, June 20, 2023, August 8, 2023 (Special Meeting), and September 20, 2023; CCO processed one (1) budget resolution and five (5) sets of minutes.



CITY MESSAGING

CCO Staff create and schedule messages to run on the City Hall electronic marquee throughout the year, noticing Meetings, events and informational messages for other City departments.

CITY PROJECTS

Coordinated with the Capital Projects and Public Works Services Departments to advertise, distribute/track information packets and addenda, receive submitted packets and attend/process opening meeting minutes for four (4) Bids and one (1) Request for Qualifications for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

PHOTO ABOVE

City Hall Marquee Sign in the plaza along A1A

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day administration of all City departments in accordance with City Council's established policies and direction, local ordinances, resolutions and state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide sustained administrative leadership and coordination of Staff and Board activities in carrying out the acts and directives of the City Council, through overall supervision and coordination.
- Review programs and projects with City Council Boards and Department Directors, making recommendations as necessary to administer the City in the most effective manner and in the public interest.
- Assist the Mayor in carrying out the administrative and executive responsibilities delegated to the Office and, in connection with these responsibilities, plan, direct, coordinate and manage the administrative affairs of the City Council.
- Prepare and submit the annual budget to the City Council.
- Appoint, and when deemed necessary for the good of the service, suspend or remove City employees and appointed administrative officers provided for, by and under the Charter, except as otherwise provided by law, the Charter or personnel rules. The City Manager may authorize any administrative officer who is subject to the City Manager's direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates in that officer's department, office or division.
- Direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and divisions of the City, except as provided by the Charter or by law.
- Perform such other duties as are specified in the Charter or as required by the City Council.
- Maintain Continuing Education and/or memberships with International City Managers Association (ICMA) and Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA) and Space Coast Public Management Association (SCPMA) by participating in classes, seminars, workshops, meetings and community events with other City and County management professionals.
- Report the City's current financial position through monthly financial statements.

STAFF

Todd Morley	City Manager
Lisa Day	Executive Assistant + Office Manager



The City Manager's Commitment

City Manager Todd Morley has made a commitment to the City Council, Staff and residents of Cape Canaveral to be available, honest and trustworthy. Since his permanent appointment in June 2020, he frequently reaches out to Council Members to keep them informed of current local issues. He routinely addresses concerns that City Council Members encounter and will continue to work cooperatively with the Council by providing answers and getting results. He regularly conducts one-on-one meetings with Council Members in preparation for City Council meetings to help ensure the orderly and efficient use of City resources. Mr. Morley has an established history of reaching out to residents, vendors and local businesses to facilitate quality communication and to become more familiar with them and their roles in the City. He embraces being out and about in the community and at events where citizens can ask questions and become more informed about their City government processes and procedures.

PHOTO ABOVE
Todd Morley at Banana River Park dock

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
ROUTINE ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Respectfully addressed and remained open-minded and approachable in handling various concerns and opportunities to positively impact the lives of residents and businesses (issues involving trees, dogs, flooding, transportation, e-bicycles, etc.).
- Coffee with the City Manager continued on a monthly basis, providing a casual opportunity for residents to meet with the City Manager and hear about current events as well as an opportunity for Q&A.
- Attended various Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies.
- Supported the Cocoa Beach Hotel Association Meeting as a guest speaker.
- Attended the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at Manatee Sanctuary Park.
- Regularly attended meetings of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast (EDC).
- Continued monthly attendance at the Space Coast Public Management Association (SCPMA) meetings with other City and County Managers and Business Professionals. Continue serving as Treasurer to the Organization.
- Attended the Port Canaveral-hosted Mayor's Breakfast which provided an opportunity for the leadership of the Canaveral Port Authority and the five municipalities within the Port district to gather for open discussion and share in continued partnership.
- Attended multiple Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meetings.
- Presented information on the Presidential Streets Master Plan in a video which was shown at the September American Planning Association (APA) – Florida, Conference. The video was a virtual introduction highlighting resilience and innovation in a barrier island community.
- During the month of October, met separately with each City Council Member candidate for an informal Q&A session. Each year, the City Manager offers to be available upon request to City Council Member candidates to help with any questions they may be receiving and offer information about current projects and initiatives.





CITY COUNCIL RELATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Communicated with Mayor and Council Members regarding various items and initiatives through monthly one-on-one meetings and as needed 24-7.
- Continued monthly one-on-one meetings with Council Members to discuss the Agenda Items for each Regular City Council Meeting.
- Attended all City Council Regular and Workshop Meetings.
- Hosted the all-day annual Strategic Planning Retreat at the Radisson Resort on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. The Retreat provided opportunity for City Council Members and Staff to discuss completed/in progress and future Projects, Programs and Initiatives happening in the City. The Retreat was open to the public which allowed opportunities to share comments with Council and Staff.

HURRICANE PREPARATION

- Attended annual hurricane training in preparation for hurricane season.
- Along with Directors/City Staff, took part in an annual testing of the City's emergency radio system in preparation for hurricane season. This is a backup communication system from Staff home locations in Brevard County.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- In furtherance of professional development, continued annual attendance at the Florida City and County Managers Association (FCCMA) Winter Institute and Annual Conference.

STAFF RELATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Continued an Employee Engagement Survey. This tool ensures that the City Manager is receiving anonymous feedback from employees about any concern they wish to share.
- Continued monthly meetings with Community & Economic Development Director and Community + Economic Development Deputy Director/Code Enforcement Manager to review and discuss current Code Enforcement items.

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City Staff, Council Members at Arbor Day tree planting.

PHOTO ABOVE

Coffee with the City Manager

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
SPECIAL PROJECTS

ADMINISTRATIVE RE-ZONINGS

In various locations in the City, residential properties were historically developed through the years on commercial land though an outdated process which is no longer allowed by City Code. Because current City Code prohibits residential structures in commercial zoning districts, City Council approved legislation properly rezoning these properties to protect the interest of the owners.

ARC GIS SOFTWARE.

Implemented access and usage of Arc GIS software across several departments. Uses will include enhanced infrastructure inventories for maintenance & regulatory compliance purposes and Capital Projects status reporting. Combining our data with Arc GIS Living Atlas of the World (a collection of geographic information from around the globe, including maps, apps, and data layers) will support our work with multiple layers of user-friendly, map-based public information, at-a-glance.

BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER

Reestablished annual Volunteer Board Appreciation Dinner.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Held City Council Budget Workshop Meetings and presented FY 23/24 budget to City Council for adoption.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BED) BOARD

Reconstituted the Business and Economic Development (BED) Board and assisted by attending meetings, providing meaningful direction and helping to establish the Board's tone and content.

CENTER STREET BASIN

Executed a construction contract for a permanent pump station along Center Street and tidal valve at the Banana River outfall to alleviate flooding in the Center Street Basin.

CHERIE DOWN PARK

Continued negotiations with City Attorney and representatives from Brevard County regarding a possible future acquisition/operation of Cherie Down Park.

CITY ENGINEER RECRUITMENT

Executed a negotiated Agreement for City Engineering Services with Kimley-Horn and Associations (KHA).

PHOTO RIGHT

City Staff, Council Members and Cape View Principal at 60th Birthday Popcicle Social

CITY GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Executed a parent-company ownership change to the City Gas Franchise Agreement.

CITY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

- Directed the establishment of a 60th Anniversary Committee.
- Authorized celebratory merchandise availability at various City events.
- Authorized celebratory street banners at various locations throughout the City.
- With Staff and Council, attended a Popsicle Social at Cape View Elementary, where kids were celebrated and rewarded for their artistic efforts which ultimately led to the selection of a design for the City's 60th Anniversary t-shirt.
- Attended Dessert Reception in the lobby of City Hall, where Council Members, Past Mayors, Staff, local officials and public was invited to attend.
- Coordinated 60th Anniversary Proclamation at the May City Council Meeting.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS AUDIO/VIDEO PRODUCTION SYSTEM UPGRADES

Implemented and upgraded to an enhanced Audio/Video production system in the Council Chambers. The first Regular City Council Meeting enhanced production took place on March 21, 2023. City Council meetings are recorded and streamed using a three-camera, live-mixed video production.



COUNTY COMMISSION RELATIONS

Along with Cocoa Beach City Manager, met with new District 2 County Commissioner Tom Goodson for a meet and greet and to discuss future initiatives.

COYOTES IN THE CITY

Coordinated City Council presentation by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) regarding coyotes in the City.

DROWN ZERO LIFE SAVING STATIONS

Executed an Agreement with Rotary Club to install throwable life preservers at various locations along Cape Canaveral beaches.

EV CHARGING STATIONS

As directed by City Council, implemented replacement of the City's EV Charging Stations with "fee-for-service" chargers.

GIVING TREE PROGRAM

CMO Executive Assistant provided support for the annual Giving Tree holiday program at City Hall. This year the program provided 43 local individuals with numerous gifts provided by anonymous donations from generous givers.

GOLF CART PROGRAM

Implemented Golf Cart program, including registration, map and signage.



LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE

Implemented a Local Roads Committee. Among the tasks of the Committee, are advocating for a new A1A crosswalks, prioritizing and budgeting for local road resurfacing projects.

PARK FACILITIES

- Updated Recreation Programs Facility Rental rates.
- Expanded Service Hours at the Nancy Hanson Recreational Center to Saturday 1/2-day hours.
- Completed construction contracts for the Multi-Generational Facility (later renamed City of Cape Canaveral Community Center - "C5") and the Culture, Arts, Preservation and Enrichment "CAPE" Center within budget.
- CAPE Center construction and display procurement continued through the end of 2023 with a facility soft opening scheduled for January 2024.
- Obtained a variance from the State Department of Health to allow splash pad users to access the existing exterior bathroom facility which enabled Sunday operational hours for the Splash Pad at Canaveral City Park
- Established a sustainable Splash Pad maintenance program at City of Cape Canaveral Community Center.
- Developed scope for playground equipment upgrades at Patriots Park.
- Coordinated and attended three public Civic Hub Workshops resulting in a draft Conceptual plan and a focus on the reduction/redirection/storage of stormwater from the Center Street Basin into the Civic Hub redevelopment acreage.
- Developed conceptual designs for the upcoming Little League Concession Stand Capital Project.
- Executed Construction Agreement for improvements to Veterans Memorial Park.

PRESIDENTIAL STREETS MASTER PLAN

Work continued to develop master theming concepts.

SOLID WASTE

Executed a negotiated amendment to the City's Solid Waste Agreement with Waste Pro of Florida, Inc., to adopt favorable new residential and commercial rates and extend the term of the franchise until September 30, 2027.

VACATION RENTAL + FORECLOSED PROPERTY REGISTRATION

After the abrupt closing of the ProChamps Short-Term Rental and Foreclosed Property Registration Platform, evaluated potential candidates for host companies. Deckard Technologies was determined to be most capable of supporting the City's Short-Term Rental and Foreclosed Property Registration regulations. Executed contract with Deckard.

VISION STATEMENT

As directed by City Council – and with input from City Council – Staff assistance, proposed a revision to the Vision Statement which was adopted by City Council.

PHOTO LEFT

Drown zero life saving station installed on Cape Canaveral beach.

COMMUNITY + ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Community + Economic Development (CED) Department encompasses the following City functions: Building, Code Enforcement, the newly established Resiliency Division, Planning/Zoning, and the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA). Together these divisions play a vital role in the Department's mission to facilitate the creation and retention of economic opportunity and new jobs while protecting and enhancing our natural and built environments. Providing for the highest possible quality of life for the Community is at the heart of what we do.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administers the Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Codes
- Implements Florida Building Code
- Establishes and implements sustainability/resiliency goals
- Performs building plan reviews and site inspections
- Processes building permits and provides inspection services
- Assists residents and contractors with building and code enforcement requests

STAFF

David Dickey	Director
Kyle Harris	Senior City Planner
Mike German	Building Official
Shaun Milligan	Deputy Building Official
Joe Maciejko	Plans Examiner
Rich Mihalich	Building Inspector
Anna Young	Administrative Assistant/Permit Technician
Brian Palmer	Deputy Director + Sr. Code Enforcement Officer
Jerrol Coats	Code Enforcement Officer
Chris Robinson	Code Enforcement Officer
Patti Roth	Administrative Assistant
Renee Yother	Executive Assistant + Department Administrator



BUILDING DIVISION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HYATT PLACE

This project consists of a 6-story extended stay hotel located at 9009 Astronaut Blvd. The structure consists of 86,487 square feet and includes 150 rooms.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

Finalized in 2023, this project consists of a 4-story, national brand, extended stay hotel located at 995 Shorewood Dr. The structure consists of 81,643 square feet and includes 150 rooms.



	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Change
Permits Issued	1,739	1,935	▲ 10%
Inspections Performed	2,875	3,121	▲ 8%
Permitting Fees	$654,616	$733,874	▲ 10%

PHOTO LEFT

Extended Stay hotel Hyatt Place under construction

PHOTO ABOVE

Holiday Inn Express & Suites completed on Shorewood Drive

PLANNING + ZONING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DUTIES OF THE BED BOARD + CRA ADVISORY ROLE

Ordinance No. 03-2023 was adopted to modify the duties of the Business and Economic Development (BED) Board to include serving in the role of the City of Cape Canaveral Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board. New duties include making recommendations to the CRA Board related to modifying the community redevelopment plan, and to perform such other duties and responsibilities that may be formally delegated by the agency board related to the implementation of the community redevelopment plan.

GOLF CART STUDY

The Council accepted a Golf Cart Study that included a recommended network of golf cart roadways. The Study communicated relevant Florida Statute provisions on the usage of golf carts on public roads, as well as evaluated which roads in the City would be eligible for inclusion in the golf cart roadway network. It also recommended type and location of traffic signage for use with the new program.

SMALL HAULER CATEGORY FOR CONSTRUCTION + DEMOLITION DEBRIS

In an effort to expand available services to residents, the City awarded two, non-exclusive franchises for small haulers (less than 20 cubic yards) under of Construction and Demolition Debris within the City limits. The City had previously had an exclusive solid waste franchise, however, small haulers were not specifically authorized.

REGULAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES

In accordance with State-mandates, the CED Director, Chief Resilience Manager, Senior Planner, and Resilience Engineering Services Manager have met on a regular basis to update the Coastal Management and Future Land Use Elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan. These amendments will reflect a need for policies that supports sustainable development via increased storm water management, more resilient building codes, and future-thinking land use practices.

RESTAURANT AND BAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS

With the passage of Ordinance No. 12-2023, the City updated its off-street parking requirements for clubs/lodges, bars and restaurants. Specifically, parking requirements were eliminated for these uses to encourage bikeability and walkability in the City, promote people over parking, and to further encourage environmentally sustainable practices.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMPLIANCE

The City awarded a new short-term rental (STR) and foreclosure registration and compliance contract to Deckard Industries. The following priority areas were relied on in choosing Deckard among the other interested companies:

- User friendliness of the platform for registration of properties
- User friendliness of the platform for complaint hot line
- Robust reporting capabilities
- Whether the Company uses 3rd party contractors in any of its processes
- Open System Architecture (user definable checklists)
- Client Approval Step
- Number of and frequency of STR platform scraping
- Vacant/Foreclosed Property Registration capability

CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION METRICS

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23
Total Requests Received	240*	468*
Notices of Violation Issued	145	295
Properties Found in Compliance	123	255
Cases Presented to Special Magistrate	18	24
Liens Paid	3	2
Illegal Signs Removed	305	532
Vehicles Posted	15	5
Violations Resolved in Field	95	173
Courtesy Letters Sent	250	310
Lien Search Requests Processed	0	0
Citations for Work Without Permit	5	3
Stop Work Orders Posted	15	53

** Includes Staff generated requests*

PRESIDENTIAL STREETS MASTER PLAN

The Council accepted the Presidential Streets Master Plan to create a road map guiding the future of the Study Area implementing Complete Streets, improved stormwater management, safer pedestrian access, more efficient traffic management, and a complete evaluation of underground infrastructure. The Plan included design concepts that can be "transported" to various locations within the Study Area.

SR A1A IMPROVEMENTS AND PRIORITIES

The City is involved in a number of initiatives regarding SR A1A in various stages of concept and design. To support clear communications, the City maintains its own web page for two of the SR A1A projects and directs users to the appropriate FDOT web page for project updates (www.CFLRoads.com). The SR A1A projects and initiatives are listed below with progress detail as of March 2023:

N. ATLANTIC AVE/INTERNATIONAL DR INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT (430202-5)

This project is currently in design, with 90% plans slated to finalize this summer. Construction is slated to begin in 2027. This project is fully funded through construction by FDOT and is on the SCTPO list of priority projects.

SR A1A IMPROVEMENTS FROM LONG POINT RD TO GEORGE KING BLVD (430202-8)

This project is currently in design, with 60% plans slated to finalize later this year. Construction and Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition is not yet funded. This project remains on the SCTPO List of Priority Projects.

PROPOSED SR A1A CROSSING AT TAYLOR AVE

This is currently in conceptual phase and will be brought to public engagement by FDOT and Brevard County Transportation Operations this spring/summer. This concept was created as an interim measure in response to the pedestrian safety study conducted on SR A1A between Tyler and Taylor Avenues. This project has been placed on the SCTPO List of Priority Projects.









LOCAL ROADS COMMITTEE

Per the directive of the City Manager, Staff formed the internal Local Roads Committee, a task force comprised of City employees from each department – including Canaveral Fire Rescue and the BCSO Cape Canaveral Precinct – and one council member. The LRC's role includes examining various transportation infrastructure improvements in the City to leverage grant opportunities, streamlining maintenance and replacement projects, and engaging in public outreach for traffic management.

PHOTO LEFT

Friday Fest temporary crosswalk at Taylor Avenue and A1A

COLLAGE ABOVE

Transportation and pedestrian safety outreach initiatives

RESILIENCE DIVISION

In 2022, the City formally established its municipal sustainability and resilience program as "Cape Canaveral 2063," earmarking the 100th anniversary of the City's 1963 incorporation. The program's goal is to advance future-ready policies, strategies, and projects as designated in the Council-adopted 2021 Resiliency Action Plan, taking into consideration low-impact development, quality of life, resilience planning, clean energy, climate hazards, disaster mitigation, and zero-emissions technologies.

Cape Canaveral 2063's expedient growth, outreach, and interdepartmental collaboration necessitated a restructuring within the Community + Economic Development (CED) Department which had been informally tasked with spearheading resilience and sustainability efforts since the late 2010s. As of October, CED's Resilience Division serves as the official "hub" for the communication, coordination, and operations of resilience and sustainability in Cape Canaveral. The Resilience Division has four top priorities which advance the various targets and initiatives laid out in the City's Resiliency Action Plan.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Protect and restore local ecosystems
- Facilitate sustainable development of the built environment
- Harden City infrastructure, operations, and procedures for climate resilience via interdepartmental coordination and stakeholder engagement
- Encourage environmental stewardship through education and outreach in the community

STAFF

Zach Eichholz	Chief Resilience Manager
Alexis Miller	Resilience Engineering Services Manager + Transportation Development Coordinator
Amy Reaume	Community Resilience Outreach + Environmental Conservation Coordinator





ANNUAL SEA OAT PLANTING

In February, City Staff and area residents planted 18,528 sea oats across the dunes of Cape Canaveral's Atlantic coastline. Sea oats are a Florida native that grow deep and extensive root systems that strengthen and expand sand dunes, enhancing both natural habitat and shoreline stability.

ENHANCED VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT GRANT FUNDING AWARD

In February, the City was awarded a $225,000 grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to update its 2019 Vulnerability Assessment. This is a critically important endeavor – done in conjunction with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council – allowing Staff to update storm surge and sea level rise projections, evaluate the latest in resilience strategies, driving climate-ready best management practices, and making the City eligible for future state-funding opportunities.

CAPE CENTER ROOFTOP SOLAR ARRAY

The City's second photovoltaic solar array atop the Culture, Arts, Preservation + Enrichment (CAPE) Center was officially energized in May. This 25-kilowatt solar array represents another major milestone in the City's sustainability and resilience program. During its lifetime, this system is estimated to reduce electrical utility costs by $100,000 and eliminate 458 tons of carbon dioxide from municipal operations – the equivalent of 10,818 trees.

STARLINK EMERGENCY INTERNET BACKUP SYSTEM

In June, Staff installed and tested the City's permanent Starlink unit atop City Hall. Starlink, which receives internet from a constellation of orbiting satellites, serves as a backup emergency internet system if the City's primary ground-based internet goes offline. To date, the Starlink constellation consists of over 4,500 satellites as more are launched each month, continuously improving the network's capabilities and coverage.

PHOTO LEFT

Weather monitoring station installed on the roof of City Hall

PHOTO ABOVE

Volunteers planting Sea Oats



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF) STAGE 2 CIVIC "SMART" RAIN GARDEN GRANT AWARD

In September, the City was awarded $1 million by the NSF's "Stage 2" Civic Innovation Challenge (CIVIC) grant program for the construction and scientific monitoring of a "smart" rain garden at Veterans Memorial Park. Of this $1 million, the City will directly receive $525,000. Veterans Memorial Park has an existing dry retention pond that is underutilized in terms of stormwater volume, and contains little biodiversity. The new smart rain garden will provide an additional 30% of retention volume, a native and biodiverse landscape, and outdoor educational elements alongside innovative monitoring practices.

COMMUNITY CENTER LIGHTNING PROTECTION SYSTEM

In November, the C5 received a new lightning protection system, strengthening the operational resiliency of infrastructure within the area during inclement weather and increasing safety for Staff and residents. The system consists of a small device about the size of a volleyball - called a CMCE - that creates a 360-ft-diameter protective dome, eliminating the possibility of direct lightning strikes.

CAPE CANAVERAL 2063

Sustainability + Resilience

PHOTO ABOVE
Starlink unit installed atop City Hall
PHOTO RIGHT
CAPE Center solar array

REMOTE SENSOR SITE DEPLOYMENTS

Throughout the year, research partners from Stetson University and the Florida Atlantic University deployed additional remote sensor sites to measure the impacts of weather and climate-related events on City infrastructure and the community at large. These devices record temperature, pressure, wind speed, rainfall, humidity, and lagoon water levels.

PUBLIC EV CHARGING STATION NETWORK UPGRADE

In December, work was completed to upgrade each of the City's six existing Level-2 non-networked free-to-use public electric vehicle charging stations to Level-2 (240V/32A) networked pay-to-use versions. The new stations were officially activated for use on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, and are publicly accessible.



GOALS FOR 2024

- Complete, test, and commission the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Cape Canaveral Precinct rooftop solar array, pending acquisition of HMGP funding.
- Continue annual beachside sea oat planting.
- Replace internal combustion engine vehicles with electrified options, where appropriate and feasible.
- Complete, test, and commission the C5's battery energy storage system (BESS), pending acquisition of HMGP funding.
- Acquire new flood barrier system at the C5 for enhanced flood protection.
- Increase community outreach regarding information on initiatives and volunteer opportunities.

HUMAN RESOURCES +RISK MANAGEMENT

The Human Resources and Risk Management (HR+RM) Department is responsible for recruiting, employee development and retention of a highly skilled and engaged workforce. The City aims to enhance the quality of community life by identifying, measuring, and mitigating property, liability, income, and personnel exposures to minimize potential losses. Ultimately preserving the physical and human assets of the City for the successful continuation of its operations.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruitment, development and retention of a talented, diverse and sustainable workforce.
- Streamline policies and procedures to eliminate redundancy and inefficiency.
- Drive positive change through employee engagement, team building and leadership development.
- Assess workflow processes in order to achieve maximum efficiencies.
- Promote positive, constructive and effective employee communication that reduces non-productive conflicts and grievances.
- Safeguard City assets using a proactive risk management strategy.
- Ensure the City's competitive edge in the areas of compensation and benefits.
- Ensure the safety and well-being of Staff and the general public through effective Emergency Management planning, strict safety program compliance, annual training and employee participation in the development of standard operating procedures.
- Conduct a wide-range of research to include data analysis intended to proactively identify industry trends, determine legislative impacts and fiscal accountability.
- Serves as the Incident Commander, overseeing the City's emergency response operations.

STAFF

Melinda Huser	Director	**Janice Durkin**	Crossing Guard
		Colette Orlando	Crossing Guard
		Karen Rockey	Crossing Guard

RECRUITMENT

Offering a competitive compensation package enables the City to attract the best available talent for its vacancies. The wisdom of providing competitive pay and benefits is particularly evident in the job market where competition for high-quality employees is particularly fierce.

The following strategy continues to deliver satisfactory recruitment results:

- Routinely monitor State and Local salary data and adjust accordingly.
- Employ a merit-based compensation system rewarding employees who are prepared, efficient and innovative.
- Promote growth and advancement by funding technical training and continuing education.
- Ensure access to quality healthcare to include Health, Vision, Dental, Life and Long-term Disability Insurance.

For the 3rd year in a row, the City was awarded the 2023 Platinum Hire Vets Award from the U.S. Department of Labor. This federal award program recognizes employers who successfully recruit, hire and retain veterans.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Essential to the goal of attracting and retaining a highly skilled and productive workforce is the need to provide high-quality Health, Vision, Dental, Life and Long-term Disability benefits. Balancing the necessity for premium cost containment, the Human Resources Department provides wellness, "smart benefit use" training and individual assistance to Staff, all of which are critical in maintaining a highly favorable risk/claims history. The City also makes a range of voluntary and employee-paid, supplemental insurance packages available via AFLAC Insurance Company at no additional cost to the City.

GROUP HEALTH

The City remains committed to limiting employee maximum out-of-pocket risk to $750 per year, sending a powerful message to current and prospective employees that the City of Cape Canaveral cares about the health and well-being of its employees. The Group Health enjoyed a modest increase of 4.5% for FY 2022-2023, and the Dental, Vision, Life and Long-Term Disability polices remained unchanged.

RETIREMENT

Following one year of full-time regular service, the City contributes a sum equal to 7% of an employee's wages into a self-directed 401(a) account. These employees may also participate in a Deferred Compensation Plan 457(b), where the City matches up to 3% of a full-time employee's deferred compensation contribution. Both retirement plans are administered by the Florida League of Cities Municipal Trust Fund.

TRACKING TALENT

Understanding and tracking absenteeism allows the City to proactively identify and address factors that influence employee retention, such as: job satisfaction, engagement, burn-out, effectiveness of leadership and more. This metric helps to provide upper management the tools needed to identifyze issues that might affect each person, division, and/or department, which helps ensure day-to-day operations of the City. The City's overall absenteeism rate for 2023 was 2.92%. This is excellent when compared to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2023 which shows the absentee rate for local governments at 4.3% .

CITY'S 2022 OVERALL ABSENTEEISM RATE

2.92%

USBLS ABSENTEEISM RATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

4.3%

RISK MANAGEMENT + WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Risk management provides for the oversight of insurance policies and the development of preventative protocols including, but not limited to: Workers' Compensation; hazard, property, auto and general liability insurance; cyber-security; and the internal security clearances. For the FY 2022-23 plan, the City continued services with Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust (PGIT). PGIT provides the City with high quality services that take a proactive approach to reducing and controlling the City's claims and assistance in finding solutions that mitigate risk exposure. The City also employs a Comprehensive Safety Program that addresses safety precautions, secure working environments, and the use of proper equipment that assists in reducing the number of claims, while protecting workers, ultimately resulting in lower insurance rates.

The City recieved the annual PGIT TIPS Award incentive in the maximum amount of $5,000 for safety measures.





INCIDENT COMMAND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

HURRICANE SEASON PREPARENESS

The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season was another above average year in terms of storm activity, with 20 tropical cyclones ultimately forming, seven of which became hurricanes. Three of these hurricanes became major hurricanes (category 3 or higher). Using NOAA climatology data from 1991-2020, the average number of Atlantic storms each season is 14 named storms, 7 hurricanes, and 3 major hurricanes. Fortunately, the season brought very limited impacts to the City. As always though, we would like to thank our numerous community partners and first responders who helped with preparation, aid, and cleanup efforts both here and at our neighbors on the state's west coast in the wake of Hurricane Idalia's landfall in Florida's Big Bend region.

Hurricane Idalia struck Perry, Florida on August 30, 2023, as a category 3, becoming the first major hurricane to make landfall in this location since 1896. Throughout its life, Idalia caused roughly $2.5 billion in damages and took the lives of ten people. Hurricane Tammy - a category 1 - was the only other hurricane to make landfall this season in Barbuda on October 22, 2023.

Before, during, and after the season – City Staff continued to implement better methods of preparedness and adaption that included the installation of new enhanced lightning protection systems at municipal facilities, a Starlink backup emergency internet unit at City Hall, ongoing personnel classes and trainings, protective pump enclosures at the City's Water Reclamation Facility, and an upgraded network of electric vehicle charging stations to better facilitate public evacuation traffic if necessary.

PHOTO LEFT

Employees receive CPR training from Cape Canaveral Fire Rescue

PHOTO ABOVE

City employees attend training hosted by HR

PARKS, RECREATION + COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs (PRCA), is a single, public-facing, department that oversees the City's public recreational facilities, the development of wellness and enrichment-oriented programs, as well as all official public communications strategies. this department maintains 27 acres of recreational spaces that include parks, three brick-and-mortar recreational facilities — a two-story community center, arts facility and tennis/racquetball complex — while overseeing the City's community outreach, conveyance of public information and brand management. Through its varied venues and platforms, PRCA organizes community events, cultivates community partnerships, and develops a range of fitness, public programs, and activities that enhance the quality of life and promote the City's unique character, culture and values.



STAFF

Molly Thomas	Director	**Mary Jane Binney**	NB PAL Director
John Mayberry	Deputy Director	**Missy Aitken**	Recreation Leader
Samantha Berry	Administrative Assistant	**Amyleigh Foster**	Recreation Leader
Amy Moody	Comm. Engagement Mgr./PIO	**Tamas Malay**	Recreation Leader
Marci Lefkoff	Sr. Program Coordinator	**Ian Anderson**	Maintenance Specialist
Byron Prevost	Sr. Program Coordinator	**Brian Stremi**	Maintenance Worker
Shelley Sullivan	Youth Recreation Leader		

PHOTO ABOVE
Seasonal residents playing shuffleboard.

PHOTO RIGHT
Xeriscape Park

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervising acquisition, planning, design, construction and maintenance of recreational facilities
- Interpreting and implementing policy directives as it relates to the department and City guidelines
- Evaluating effectiveness of recreational areas, facilities and services
- Developing immediate and long-range plans to meet recreational needs of multiple generations
- Monitoring and sourcing the community for expansion possibilities; writing grants to fund expansions
- Building community partnerships with local agencies + neighboring communities
- Fulfilling Public Information Officer (PIO) responsibilities
- Managing the City's social media platforms, website, brand and trademarks
- Serving as liaison for the Cape Canaveral Public Library and Cape View Elementary
- Managing the City's cultural property collections and Public Art Program
- Issuing permits for Outdoor Events and Motion and Still Photography
- Promoting the City's events, programs, visioning and cultural identity
- Assisting with implementation of select IT applications, cyber-security initiatives, and digital communications, to include ADA accessibility for digital media
- Assembling, distributing and developing graphics for the Weekly Update, Monthly Updates, Emergency Updates, State of the City, along with other general and program specific outreach publications
- Overseeing the City's on-line broadcasting process and systems



DEPARTMENT MILESTONES FOR 2023

- Completed Splash Pad fencing
- Received State Variance approval for 7-day Splash Pad operations
- Expanded hours of operation for Nancy Hanson Recreation Complex
- Removed bird deterrent hardware and installed osprey nesting platform at Canaveral City Park
- Developed Spring and Winter youth camp programs
- Completed construction phase of the CAPE Center Project
- Commenced Veterans Memorial Park Redevelopment Project
- Rolled out new informational video series called, The Space Between®
- Completed field upgrades on the Little League Ball Field
- Repaired and resealed Manatee Sanctuary Park pedway
- Created community volunteer partnership with 114th Electromagnetic Warfare Squadron, with January 14th declared as 114th Day by City Council

RECREATION PROGRAMS

A core service for the PRCA Department is providing wellness and quality-of-life programs for all ages of residents and visitors to the City. With the support of Community Partners and contracted program instructors, City offered the following programs and athletic activities in 2023:

- Senior Fitness
- Bootcamp
- Yoga
- Aikido
- Karate
- Meditation
- Pickleball Lessons
- Line Dance
- Tennis Lessons
- Tai Chi
- Personal Training + Coaching
- Zumba

ATHLETICS + FITNESS

With two sports-focused recreation facilities and two athletic fields, the City is able to facilitate healthy activities and accomodate active lifestyles for residents of all ages. This year saw the expansion of youth fitness programs with the addition of basketball skills clinics for ages 7-15 and the restructuring of the C5 Mininuteman Program, which provides youth athletes, ages 13-18, the guidance needed to build healthy habits and help them achieve their personal fitness + wellness goals.

Also, in 2023, the Florida Picklelball League, Inc. hosted it's first season with four teams calling the Nancy Hanson Recreation Complex home. The inaugural playoffs for this league were held at Pictona @ Holly Hill where two Mixed Doubles teams won gold in the 3.0 & 3.5 Division, the Ladies Doubles took home silver in the 3.0 Division, gold in the 3.5 Division and the Men's Double walked away with the gold in the 3.5 Division.

The growth in the City's pickleball programming was also evident at the 4th Annual Space Coast Paddle Battle. This popular annual showdown at the Nancy Hanson Recreation Complex, doubled its registration from the previous year with 114 participants.

CITY LEAGUES:
- 2 - Mixed Doubles Pickleball
- 1 - Ladies Singles Pickleball
- 1 - Ladies Doubles Pickleball
- 2 - Tennis Singles
- 1 - Racquetball

YOUTH SPORTS + FITNESS:
- Minuteman Program
- Cape Canaveral Soccer Club
- Space Coast Little League
- Basketball Skills Clinics

INDEPENDENT LEAGUES:
- 3 - Space Coast Tennis League Teams
- 4 - Florida Pickleball League, Inc. Teams











NORTH BEACHES POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL)

The North Beaches PAL + the Youth Development Council Program is a juvenile crime prevention program that engages teens in athletic, academic and community-focused activities to help them build the skills and values needed for successful futures. North Beaches PAL is a member of State Florida PAL; and the City of Cape Canaveral, in partnership with the Cocoa Beach Police Department, are the primary support agencies for this Chapter.

Each year, participants of the North Beaches PAL program provide support for City events, lead varied community stewardship initiatives and log volunteer hours that can be used to attain a Bright Futures Scholarship funding for college. The largest undertaking for North Beaches PAL volunteers is the annual Reindeer Run 5K, which celebrated its 28th year in 2023. This event raises money to support the Program's general operations and to provide participants opportunities to engage in life-shaping experiences that may not have been accessible to them otherwise. This year's event saw a dramatic increase in the number of business and individual sponsors from the previous year, a statistic mirrored by the increase in race participants. This growth not only represents a positive trend for this program, but also serves as an indication of increasing engagement with our beachside business community.

2022 RACE INCOME	2023 RACE INCOME
$9.6K	$19.7K

Beginning in 2023, the parents of current North Beaches PAL participants came together with several North Beaches PAL alumni, now adults, volunteering to host the beer and wine booth at two of City's Friday Fest events. This helps to generate additional revenue and awareness for the program, and further emphasizes the "lead-by-example" values of this organization.

COLLAGE LEFT

Patrons engaging in varied recreation activities

COLLAGE ABOVE

Volunteers and runners at the 28th Annual Reindeer Run











YOUTH CAMPS

With the added amenities of the new Community Center, the City has been able to expand its youth camp offerings beyond its traditional Summer Camp program, to now include a one-week Spring Break Camp and two-week Winter Break Camp. These camps provide not only quality enrichment activities for our campers, but also affordable child-care opportunities for local families.

With 2023 as the first year with all three camps offered, Staff took the opportunity to revamp the entire youth camp program, to include the addition of meaningful, off-island field trips and a variety of enrichment experiences, while also reducing the camper-to-counselor ratio. These changes have improved the overall manageability of the program and the quality of the camp experience for participants.

COLLAGE ABOVE

Summer Camp participants enjoying various field trip activities

COMMUNITY OUTREACH + EVENTS

PRCA HOSTED + SUPPORTED EVENTS 2023

- Friday Fest (10 events)
- Egg Hunt
- National Kids to Parks Day
- Backpack Jamboree
- National Night Out
- Monster Mash + Trunk or Treat
- Holiday in the City

Emerging from the heightened excitement of the pandemic, meaningful engagement has become the priority for the City's digital and in-person community outreach activities. Adopting a streamlined procedures for distributing/ posting regular communicatons, has improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the City's communication process, ensuring the visibility of important content in a high-volume information world.

Part of this prioritization in 2023 was connecting with residents in real-time at events, meetings, and workshops. From the Civic Hub Project outreach events to the newly popular Holiday Cheer contest, residents have the ability to get questions answered and engage with their neighbors, City Officials and Staff on important topics like never before.

The most exciting addition to the City's communications this year was the creation of The Space Between® program on the City's YouTube channel. Premiering in February 2023, this monthly video series, hosted and produced completely in-house, provides information on a variety of services, programs, and activities relevant to Cape Canaveral and its neighbors. The Space Between® features experts and representatives from a variety of City departments, as well as guests from partner agencies and organizations, to introduce citizens to topics of both local interest and importance.

FACEBOOK	INSTAGRAM	NEXTDOOR	X *(FORMERLY TWITTER)*	YOUTUBE
↑6%	↑10%	↑16%	↑4%	↑14%
13,910	3,751	3,550	2,952	266

This intensified focus on making meaningful connections via quality over quantity, has increased the number of followers/subscribers on all of the City's digital platforms, with Nextdoor and YouTube experiencing the largest percentage of growth.

RECREATION FACILITIES

CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL COMMUNITY CENTER (C5)

In 2023, the C5 celebrated its first full year of operations. It has quickly become a community centerpiece — offering a variety of programs to include the City's youth camps, an assortment of indoor fitness and recreational activities; and it has become a popular host location for outreach events for the City and its Community partners.

Just four months after its grand opening, the facility received the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council's prestigious Diamond Award for Health + Equity. This award honors the region's best urban planning projects promoting equity, healthy neighborhoods, conservation, and economic vitality. This award highlighted the best projects in our region showcasing projects that elevate, promote, or strengthen the quality of life.

2023 TOTAL CHECK-INS	DAILY AVERAGE
29,971	99.9

NANCY HANSON RECREATION COMPLEX (NHRC)

As part of a department-wide fee review and restructuring, in January 2023, the NHRC shifted from an hourly user rate to a daily, monthly and annual fee structure. This helped alleivate the limitations and challenges created by the time-based use format, for both patrons and staff. It also facilitated a more conveinent and streamlined check-in process for regular guests. With 2023 as the first full year utlizing this new fee structure, metrics from future years' will help better identify usage and revenue trends for this facility.

2023 TOTAL CHECK-INS	DAILY AVERAGE
8,052	32.7



THE CAPE CENTER: CULTURE, ARTS, PRESERVATION + ENRICHMENT

The CAPE Center is a one-of-a-kind community arts facility designed to promote our local character to neighbors and visitors, will making a variety of art and other life-enriching cultural opportunities accessible to members of our own walkable-bikeable community.

This venue will connect the City of Cape Canaveral with the larger world — historically, artistically, culturally and socially; and will become a focal point that attracts and amplifies the notoriously creative energy this City is known for, providing civic and artistic engagement opportunities built on that ingenuity. In short, the CAPE Center will serve as a beacon of our collective community values and an interactive catalyst for both individual growth and community unity.

At the close of 2023, the City readied the facility as it neared the final stages of completion with staff working on exhibit development, programming and other logistics in preparation for its grand opening in early 2024.

The first exhibits installed included: S.P.A.C.E., the Hurricane Irma Dugout and Bold Boards — an exhibit on loan from Brevard Zoo.

To test the readiness of the facility, the City hosted Florida Archaeology Network's annual Tidally United Summit the first week of December 2023. The Grand Opening is scheduled for Spring 2024.

PHOTO ABOVE

Guests attending Tidally United Summit at the CAPE Center

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES

The Public Works Services Department combines Infrastructure Maintenance (IM), Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Operations, and Collections and Reclaim Field Systems (CRFS), maintenance and operations under one umbrella to serve residents through customer service. Utility services, storm and wastewater, reclaimed water, as well as maintenance service for all City streets and facilities are managed in this department. Public Works Services is also responsible for all reporting and testing required by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide and maintain utility services for the public
- Wastewater collection
- Reclaimed water
- Maintain all City infrastructure, to include City streets and facilities
- Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF)
- Laboratory
- Stormwater

PWS MANAGEMENT TEAM

June Clark	Director	**Zeth Petersen**	Collections + Reclaim Manager
Jessica Erdman	Deputy Director	**David Coulter**	Infrastructure Maintenance Manager
Paul Prince	Plant Manager	**Tracie Acord**	Office Manager

PHOTO RIGHT
Staff cleaning effluent basin



PUBLIC WORKS ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2023

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE DIVISION

- Obstruction and clearance trimming throughout City for Canaveral Fire and Rescue
- Irrigation and landscaping planning and installation at the CAPE Center
- Installed 17 new solar lights on Ridgewood Ave
- Installed new golf cart signage throughout City for new program allowing golf carts in City Limits
- Repainted stop bars, and retouched parking area lines around City at various locations
- Began Sea Oat rope fencing installation project at all beach crossovers
- Installed Drown Zero Stations at beach crossovers
- Upgraded ADA Mobi Mats at 4 beach crossovers, and added a new Mobi Mat pathway at Harbor Heights between the parking area and the crossover
- Various sidewalk repair, replacements and additions around the City and City Park
- Storm prep and cleanup, as well as sandbag filling for stockpile for residents

WASTEWATER TREATMENT + COLLECTIONS DIVISION

- Completion of the SCADA upgrade
- Completion of LS # 8 Rehab
- Completion of Disc Filter and Drum Filter Installation

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

The City's IM division is responsible for maintaining the appearance of City streets and rights-of-way (ROW), performing routine preventative maintenance on City buildings, equipment, vehicles and coordinating beach maintenance duties.

INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE TEAM

Tim Davis	Lead Maintenance Specialist + Arborist	**Milton Zalduondo**	Maintenance Worker
Steven Dayhoff	Maintenance Specialist	**Gary Smith**	Maintenance Worker
Kim Davis	Custodian + Maintenance Worker	**Donny Roebuck**	Maintenance Worker





SIDEWALK + CURB REPAIRS

Sections of sidewalks and curbs throughout the City are replaced as part of ongoing maintenance activities to replace damaged ones.

SIDEWALK GAP + NEW CONSTRUCTION

Staff removes and replaces broken and uneven sidewalks where deemed necessary throughout the City. Sections include old areas of sidewalks that do not meet the guidelines of the code. This includes small areas of 4-foot sidewalk that are replaced with 5-foot sidewalks where the City sees that it is feasible.

BEACH CROSSOVERS

Staff maintains all 17 of the City's beach crossovers. The product “Lumberock” is used when reconstructing these crossovers due to the reliability, strength, and longevity of the product.

COLLAGE ABOVE

IM staff planting tree for Arbor Day, participating in safety training and installing CAPE Center landscaping



STRIPING ROADWAYS + PARKING LOTS

City owned roads and parking lots are striped by Staff periodically to keep streets safe and parking lots looking pristine. Staff paints STOP bars and walkway lines on City streets to maintain a safe driving environment for motorists.

IRRIGATION

Staff maintains over 1,500 sprinkler heads throughout the City including right-of-ways, medians and City-owned properties. Irrigation helps relieve excess reuse water that is collected at the wastewater treatment facility.

ASSISTS OTHER DEPARTMENTS

- Construction projects
- Beautification projects throughout the City
- Special City-related events

2024 INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE GOALS

- **Complete Ridgewood solar pedway lighting upgrade.**
- **Start upgrading N Atlantic solar pedway lights.**
- **Complete Sea Oat Rope Fencing**
- **Stripe additional parking areas for Friday Fest, and touch up Library striping.**
- **Crossover replacement and upgrade.**

PHOTO ABOVE

City arborist trimming palm trees

WASTEWATER
TREATMENT + COLLECTIONS

The City's Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) is authorized to operate under the guidelines and regulations established in the Operation Permit issued by FDEP. The general Wastewater Permit (# FL0020541-01) was first issued on December 24, 1996 and it must be renewed every five (5) years through FDEP. Its purpose is to ensure that all operations personnel are aware of the effluent quality standards, which must be achieved and maintained for both effluent disposal methods, outfall discharge to the Banana River and Reuse for Land Application.

CRFS Personnel are responsible for maintaining the functionality of all lift stations and plant equipment. CRFS is also responsible for reclaim installations and repairs within the City.

The Collections System has ten lift stations and three WRF lift stations. These lift stations discharge raw wastewater into a 16-inch diameter influent force main, which discharges into the head works of the WRF at the pretreatment structure.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT TEAM

Reid Welch	Senior Plant Operator
Drew Lawson	Plant Operator
Nyron Edwards	Plant Operator
Ray Casillas	Plant Operator

CFS TEAM

Joshua Pryor	Instrumentation + Controls Technician
Mike Johnson	Utility Mechanic
Shannon Light	Utility Mechanic
Steven Asbury	Utility Mechanic

LABORATORY TEAM

Mollie Diedrich	Laboratory Technician
Chris Whitenton	Reclaim Inspector + Laboratory Tech









RECLAIMED WATER PROGRAM

The City operates and maintains a reclaimed water system at the 1.8 MGD WRF. Wastewater is treated to advanced treatment standards through a high-level disinfection process and is continually monitored and analyzed to insure consistent high quality and compliance with State regulations. The primary benefits of maintaining a reclaimed water system are to (1) reduce demand upon potable water supplies (aquifers) and (2) reduce effluent discharges to the Banana River. Recent construction of a 2.5 million gallon reclaimed water tank allows the City to (1) increase the amount of reclaimed water available to residents and (2) eliminate most discharges of treated wastewater to the Banana River thus reducing loadings of nitrogen and phosphorous.

Reclaimed water produced at the WRF is utilized to replace potable water that is currently used for non-potable purposes, such as irrigation. Annually, inspections are performed on the property of all reuse customers to ensure compliance with use regulations. Reuse water availability times are currently posted on the City's website.

2024 WASTEWATER TREATMENT + COLLECTIONS GOALS

- East + West Clarifier Rehabilitation
- Installation of Structures
- Sodium Bisulfite Conversion
- 2nd Anoxic Mixer Replacment
- Polymer Skid Replacement
- Lift Station #5 Rehabilitation

COLLAGE LEFT + COLLAGE ABOVE

PWS Staff performing regular equipment maintenance + inspecting storm drains

BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF
CANAVERAL PRECINCT

MISSION

B uilding community + professional partnerships.
C ommitted to excellence and integrity.
S triving to reduce crime.
O bjective: fair and equal treatment for all.

LEADERSHIP

Wayne Ivey Sheriff

Byron Keck Commander Canaveral + Port Canaveral Precinct

CANAVERAL PRECINCT
CRIME STATISTICS

	2022	2023
Total Calls	29,194	31,245
Juvenile Arrests	11	17
Adult Arrests	728	833
Burglaries	43	23
Drug Arrests	98	86
DUI Arrests	175	163
Traffic Citations	1,146	1,442
Traffic Warnings	1,297	1,415



COMMUNITY POLICING

CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY APPEARANCES

Canaveral Precinct supervisors actively attend and participate in various city community meetings such as, City Council Meetings, Code Enforcement Hearings, Presidential Street Workshops, A1A Workshops, CRA Meetings, Planning and Zoning Meetings, Post Council Directors Meetings, Local Roads Committee and also held a BCSO ID Theft Presentation at the Canaveral Library.

EMERGENCY READINESS

The deputies at Canaveral Precinct always stand ready to assist during storm events and emergency's, assisting citizens and City employees alike in debris removal and more.

DOGS ON THE BEACH PATROLS

Cape Canaveral Precinct patrol deputies and General Crimes Unit agents conducted routine beach patrols throughout the year, specifically targeting dogs on the beach and writing citations to violators.

CITIZENS OBSERVER PATROL (COP)

The Citizens Observer Patrol is designed to assist deputies in combating crime. There were 4 active Cape Canaveral COP volunteers this year who were dedicated to neighborhood patrols and participating in special events.

PHOTO ABOVE

BCSO providing support for the Reindeer Run 5K



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Cape Canaveral Precinct helps provide local families in need and those who are a part of the Meals on Wheels program with complete Thanksgiving meals. This year, the Cape Canaveral Precinct teamed up with Cape Canaveral Fire Rescue to provide 42 people with Thanksgiving dinner from Publix.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS

Partnering with local businesses, the Cape Canaveral Precinct and Cape Canaveral Fire Rescue provided toys for local children whose families are under financial strain. This year, the Christmas Angels program provided 21 local children with items for Christmas. The Cape Canaveral Precinct provided Christmas gifts to an additional 30 children that did not meet the requirements for the Christmas Angels program. The Cape Canaveral Precinct also assisted the Sheriff's Office with the "Shop with a Cop" program and the Cocoa Beach Police Department Angel Program. Remaining toys were donated to Toys for Tots, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, the City of Cape Canaveral Giving Tree program, National Veterans Homeless Support and Nathaniel's Hope.

CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL EVENTS

The Special Operations Unit always assists with many City sponsored events during the year. This year, they had the honor to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, POW MIA Day at Veterans Memorial Park, Memorial Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park, monthly Movie in the Park, Corvette Toy Run, City Christmas in the Park, and the monthly Friday Fest. They also provided traffic enforcement, road closures and manned the intersections for the "Thunder on Cocoa Beach" parade from the Port to Cocoa Beach and the annual "Reindeer 5K Run/Walk". They work hand in hand with the Parks, Recreation and Community Affairs Department of the City to ensure that each function runs smoothly by providing a law enforcement presence.

PHOTO ABOVE

BCSO + CFR join the winning participants at the 2023 Trunk or Treat



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Special Operations Unit coordinated vendors and entertainment for National Night Out, hosted at the City Community Center. Cape Canaveral Precinct deputies and civilian employees cooked and served hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and chips to families in the community. They also assisted with set-up, break-down and operating the event.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Cape Canaveral Precinct deputies and civilian employees decorated a patrol car and provided hundreds of local children with treats at the annual Trunk or Treat event held on Taylor Avenue. Cape Canaveral Precinct deputies also assisted in judging the Truck or Treat contest and the children's costume contest

CANAVERAL SUMMER CAMP

The Cape Canaveral Precinct had the privilege of interacting with the children attending the Canaveral Summer Camp this year. Our specialty units, such as the Bomb Squad, K9 unit, Motors unit and Patrol K9 presented unit demonstrations every Tuesday, as well as participated in weekly dodge ball tournaments with the children. Cape Canaveral Precinct deputies also participated in the Canaveral Library Summer Reading Program.

COFFEE WITH A COP

The Special Operations Unit had the pleasure to attend "Coffee with a Cop" with Council Member Don Willis and also the City's monthly "Coffee with the City Manager" sessions.

PHOTO ABOVE

Brevard County Sheriff's Office hosted National Night Out at Canaveral City Park

CANAVERAL
FIRE RESCUE

The mission of Canaveral Fire Rescue is to provide the City of Cape Canaveral, Canaveral Port Authority and the unincorporated area of Avon-by-the-Sea with trained, professional personnel to protect life, property and the environment in an economical, expedient and competent manner.

CFR LEADERSHIP

Dave Sargeant	Chief	Derek Yossifon	Assistant Chief + Fire Marshal
Chris Quinn	Deputy Chief	Mary Haberthier	Executive Assistant
Jeff Crawley	Captain of Training		



AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME IN MINUTES

4.15 ↓ -1%

PHOTO ABOVE

Canaveral Fire Rescue wishing a young resident a Happy Birthday!

PERSONNEL TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

- Two (2) members attended Fire Department Instructor Conference in Indianapolis
- All personnel attended Vehicle Machinery Rescue (VMR) 40-hour course
- All personnel attended HAZMAT101 8-hour course
- Port Authority Emergency Response Summit
- Wildland and Strike Team Leader 40-hour course
- All personnel attended UCF RESTORES mental health 8-hour course
- Multiple trainings with the U.S. Coast Guard; assisted with simulated fire scenarios aboard their cutters
- Confined space training
- Personnel completed over 8,000 hours of Fire and EMS training during 2023







EMS RESPONSES % OF TOTAL CALLS

72% ↓ -8%

COLLAGE ABOVE

Canaveral Fire Rescue Firefighters on duty



EDUCATION + OUTREACH

- Port Canaveral Maritime Academy Firefighting Training Classes: 93
- Liquefied Natural Gas Classes: 3
- CPR + Advanced Cardiac Life Support: 19
- Control Vessel Examinations: 14
- Partnered with BCSO to support local families in need during the holidays + throughout the year

COMMUNITY EVENT + PROGRAM SUPPORT

- Monthly Friday Fest
- Air Show
- Boat Races
- Summer Camp tours
- Santa in the City
- Reindeer Run 5k
- Corvette Club Toy Run
- Run for Responders 5k

PHOTO ABOVE

CFR Firefighters recognized for their deployment to assist with the Bay County brushfire

FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES

	2022	2023
New Inspections	972	770
Re-Inspections	485	534
New Construction	27	39
Plan Reviews	17	24
Requests/Complaints	6	44
Occupation License Inspection	-	186

TOTAL CALLS IN 2023: 3,293

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATS

	2022	2023
Ground Transport	1,553	1,265
Medical Helicopter	19	19
Motor Vehicle Crashes	161	184
Physically Disabled Assists	151	151
Advanced Life Support	641	843

MESSAGE FROM THE *Mayor's Office*

Hello Neighbors and Friends,

In 2023, we continued to witness the rise of the Space Coast in its importance as a center for nationally significant aerospace development and regional economic enhancement with NASA's Artemis Program pushing humanity back to the moon. Port Canaveral became the number one cruise passenger port by volume in the world, and our friends at the Brevard Zoo moved ever closer to completing their $100 million fundraising goal to build a world class aquarium at the City's northern doorstep.

And at the center of it all - celebrating its 60th birthday - is the City of Cape Canaveral, where Council and Staff - alongside important input, feedback, and collaboration with residents and various partners with some here today to continue ongoing efforts to build a more prosperous, sustainable, and resilient future-ready community. As we look to the growth around us, we seek to preserve our proud beachside heritage with projects that improve local quality of life, environmental wellbeing, and economic security.

If I could summarize 2023 into one word, it would be collaboration. Together with the assistance of City Staff and numerous nonprofit, university, and state agencies the City was able to acquire nearly $2 million dollars in grant funding to aid in the development and implementation of resilience-based projects. This includes funding for the writing of an enhanced vulnerability assessment to determine risk and solutions to coastal flooding and sea level rise and hurricane-protection, the construction of the critical and permanent Center Street Basin Stormwater Pumping Station and Tidal Valve, and the build-out of a "smart" bioswale at Veterans Memorial Park to hold and treat over 100,000 gallons of stormwater before entering the Banana River Lagoon.

Our new active lightning protection systems were installed atop City Hall and at the Nancy Hanson Recreational Complex, 30% of the City's vehicle fleet is now electrified with the addition of hybrid-electric pickup trucks, and we installed a new backup emergency internet system atop City Hall in the form of a Starlink unit, which receives its internet from orbiting satellites in space - removing failure risk often seen with traditional ground-based internet system.

In terms of transportation, we continue to work with our partners at FDOT on the vital safety improvements of the A1A redevelopment project. We began survey and design work on the Presidential Streets, implemented a temporary manned pedestrian crosswalk for each Friday Fest across A1A at Taylor Avenue, and launched a robust on-street golf cart program.

We brought the CAPE Center on-line, which now serves as the only publicly owned museum and education space of its kind in Brevard County where residents and visitors alike will be able to see the City's rich space-related history, champion local artists, and tell stories of environmental stewardship for generations to come. The building also hosts the City's second rooftop solar array, which will abate an estimated 458 tons of carbon dioxide over its 25-year lifespan - equivalent to planting 10,818 trees - and will have helped to save the City over $100,000 in electrical utility costs.

The ongoing modernization of the City's Water Reclamation Facility saw construction begin on protective enclosures for all of the plant's pump areas and a new sodium bisulfite dechlorination system for improved effluent treatment. We also began collaborative efforts with the US Army Corps of Engineers to study and design a more resilient shoreline along the plant's lagoon-facing perimeter to better handle the long-term impacts of storm surge and wave energy. SEA OATS - With the help of our local residents, we planted X amount of Sea Oats.

We found collaboration with our residents, businesses and community members, as we collectively forged ahead on projects and grant initiatives like our Veterans Memorial Park's revitalization, and at events like National Night Out and our beloved Friday Fests.

And, as always, we thank our dedicated protective services - Canaveral Fire Rescue and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office - for continuing to selflessly serve our community and keep us safe.

> ***The City of Cape Canaveral may be small, but our impact is strong and far reaching when we work together towards a common goal. Just as we now head back to the moon with the assistance of multiple countries, the City moves forward by working hand in hand with others so that we may build a better tomorrow through our collaborative efforts today.***

I am proud of how far we have come and look forward to what comes next!

Thank you, Cape Canaveral!

Respectfully,

Wes Morrison

MAYOR WES MORRISON





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