



NORTH BAY HOSPITAL Expansion Project

Driven by patient quality, Morton Plant North Bay Hospital provides general acute care hospital services, outpatient services, an educational center, emergency room and all ancillary structures and facilities typically associated with a hospital and houses 154 patient beds. The hospital sits on a 15.41-acre campus on the east side of Madison Street, north of Indiana Avenue. Established in 1965, North Bay Hospital is also part of the Bay Care Health System and is one of four full-service hospitals participating in the Morton Plant Mease Health Care partnership.

North Bay underwent a series of renovations and expansions in 2010, including the opening of the 56,000 square foot Starkey Tower, 45,000 square foot Medical Arts Building and Mitchell Rehabilitation Facility. The cardiovascular center was also expanded by nearly 10,000 square feet in 2011.

A current renovation is being planned that includes the reestablishment of an employee parking lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Ohio and Forest Avenues. As part of the project, four existing buildings will be removed and new landscaping, lighting and fencing will be installed. When completed, there will be 100 spaces in the new surface lot.

However, the most significant change associated with the renovation will be the relocation of the main entrance to the hospital from the Madison Street side of the campus to the north side of the building. Additionally the Emergency Department will be relocated to the southwest corner of the building, accessible from Indiana Avenue and will be expanded by 16,000 square feet and include a new canopy to service drop-off patients.

Construction is expected to commence later this summer and continue through early 2018. The goal of the new entrances is to improve campus flow and provide a better experience for patients, families and visitors. Upon completion, the expansion will provide:

- **A 28-BED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**
- **A 15-BED OBSERVATION UNIT**
- **NEW HOSPITAL MAIN ENTRANCE AND LOBBY**
- **NEW EMERGENCY ROOM ENTRANCE AND LOBBY**

The mission of North Bay has always been to improve the health of who are served through community-owned health care services that set the standard for high-quality, compassionate care.

Downtown PROGRESS Report

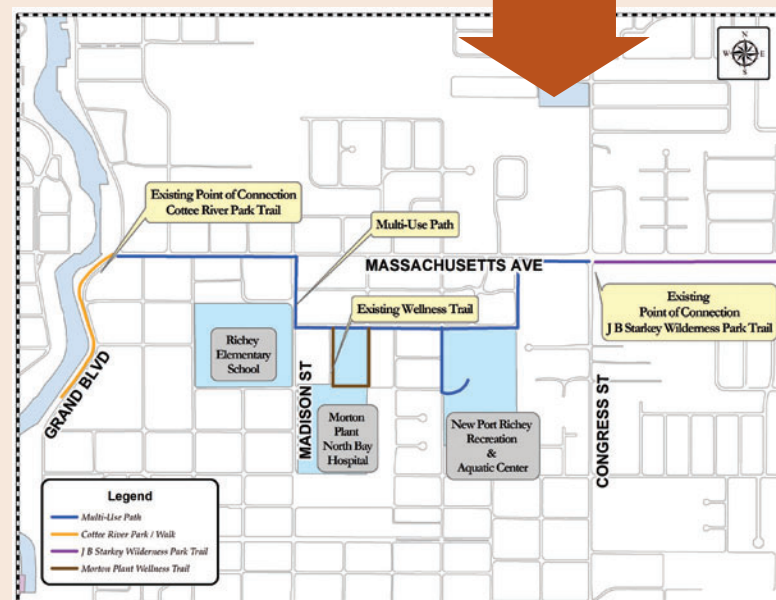
Three downtown construction projects are currently underway. In February, Spoonbills was demolished to make way for a Beef O' Brady's. The popular sport bar and restaurant is expected to be completed September 1st, adding to an ever-increasing diversity of food and entertainment choices downtown.

In May, the Community Redevelopment Agency voted to sell the former Baptist Church Property located on the east side of Orange Lake. Once development plans are finalized, the 2.4 acres will be converted into 88 new-urbanism designed, residential units by People Places, LLC. The project will add to the city's tax base and provide substantial economic support for downtown businesses. Construction is expected to begin in early 2017.

Main Street Landings is currently in the final stages of completing the required steps to pull construction permits. Once underway, construction of the 80+ unit complex is expected to take 14 months. The completed Main Street Landings and Orange Lake projects will serve as residential bookends to ignite the city's urban core and bring an additional \$8 million in annual household income to the city.

Massachusetts/Kentucky Avenue Multi-Use Path

Completed in early spring, this multi-use path consists of an eight-foot wide sidewalk beginning at Cotee River Park Trail (Grand Blvd & Massachusetts Ave). The path ties into the existing Morton Plant Hospital's Wellness Trail at Kentucky Ave and the City's Recreation and Aquatic Center before connecting to the existing JB Starkey Wilderness Park Trail (Massachusetts Ave & Congress St). The path fulfills City Council's recommendation to have a connection between the existing Starkey Trail and Pinellas Trail to the south.



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NEW SERVICE MEMORIALS AROUND ORANGE LAKE



The City of New Port Richey is proud to announce the installation of five new service memorials around Orange Lake in downtown New Port Richey. The memorials are part of Phase I of the Sims Park Improvement Project and were constructed by Commercial Concrete Contractors with the insignia plaques designed by Avalon. The installation of the memorials were under the direction of Hennessy Construction. The stone and granite memorials represent each of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces. Individual memorial bricks surround the walkway of the memorials and may be purchased in honor of your loved one through the City's Public Works Department for \$50.00.

The City of New Port Richey extends its gratitude to all of those who serve or have served in our nation's Armed Forces and to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defending our freedom. For details on purchasing a brick to honor a service member, please contact Public Works, 727-841-4536 or visit www.citynpr.org.

Fitness Center at the New Port Richey Recreation & Aquatic Center

Looking for a Fitness Facility to join? Look no further! Our upgraded facility will motivate you to reach your fitness goals, and our dedicated staff will assist you along your journey. We've purchased over thirty pieces of cutting edge cardio equipment along with strength and circuit equipment to provide the ultimate fitness center. Please consider stopping by to check out our improvements.



GOLFCART ORDINANCE

Effective June 1, 2016, the City of New Port Richey will allow the use of approved golf carts on designated streets. Golf carts must be inspected by and registered with the New Port Richey Police Department; registration can be made by application at 6739 Adams St. (MWF) from 8-4PM. Registered golf carts will be identified by a decal mounted on the rear fender of the driver's side of the cart. Help the City of New Port Richey make this program a success by obeying all traffic laws and operating carts in a safe and courteous manner.

All lawful golf carts must have the following safety equipment - brakes, turn signals, brake lights, safety belts, reliable steering, horn, safe tires, rearview mirror, headlights, windshield and red reflector warning devices in front and rear. Please recognize that the added costs and effort will protect you, other drivers and pedestrians.

Lawful Operation

Cross streets at a 90 degree angle, and be advised that it is unlawful for golf carts to cross state or county roads. The portion of jurisdictional boundaries of New Port Richey, east of US-19, is the only area in which a golf cart may be lawfully operated. In addition, golf carts are prohibited from use on the following busy roadways:

- **Main Street** (allowed only between River Road and Van Buren Street)
- **Congress Street**
- **Madison Street**
- **Massachusetts Avenue**
- **Marine Parkway, from U.S. 19 to Grand Boulevard**
- **Grand Blvd., from Gulf Dr to Ridgewood Drive**
- **Louisiana Avenue, from Madison Avenue to Congress Street**
- **Trouble Creek Road**

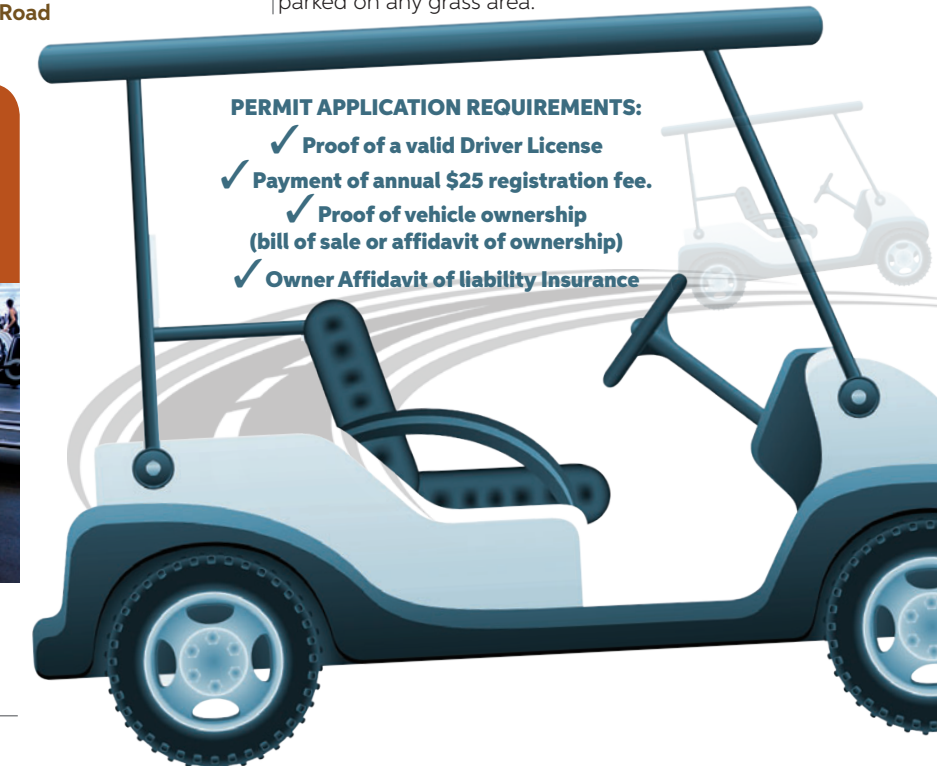
SPEED - Permitted golf carts will have a max speed of 20 miles/hr. However, it is unlawful to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with the law. It is the duty of the golf cart operator to leave the paved surface and allow other vehicles to proceed.

SAFETY - The number of occupants in any golf cart is restricted to the number of seats on the golf cart. Occupants under five years of age are not permitted. All occupants shall be restrained by a safety belt, at all times when the golf cart is in motion.

PARKING - When taking advantage of vehicle street parking or city parking lots, golf carts must be parked in a manner that allows other golf carts to leave the space when desired, e.g., side by side. Handicapped parking spaces may be used by golf carts complying with the law for use of these spaces. Golf carts are not permitted to be parked on any grass area.

PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Proof of a valid Driver License
- ✓ Payment of annual \$25 registration fee.
- ✓ Proof of vehicle ownership (bill of sale or affidavit of ownership)
- ✓ Owner Affidavit of liability Insurance



MAYOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,
Welcome to the summer issue of the New Port Richey Newsletter. There is quite a bit of information in this issue, including progress reports on the Main Street Landings, Beef O' Brady's and the Residences of Orange Lake Projects. From my perspective these are three pivotal projects that are helping to transform the city and we are very fortunate to have this amount of new investment in the city's downtown area.



In this issue you will also find articles on our Summer Sunset Concert Series which began on Saturday, June 18th at 7:30 pm. in Sims Park featuring the entertainment of the Shawn Brown Band, the new state of the art equipment for the fitness center located at the Recreation and Aquatic Center, and new ordinances permitting the use of golf carts on city streets and making it easier to add a front porch to your home.

The City Council and I are working on updates to the Strategic Plan for the city. The purpose of the Plan is to guide the decisions that we make over the coming years so that they are in alignment with our community needs. We will also be entering the summer budget season shortly so that we will be prepared to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget in the fall. In consideration of these two projects, now is a good time to let the members of the City Council know what you consider to be the priorities that we should concentrate on.

Finally, be sure to check out the article on the Library as your Education Center. The library certainly is a community asset that we can all be proud of. I am particularly impressed with the number of patrons who utilized the library last year. Also, don't forget to sign up for Nixle notifications as this is a great way to receive important information that affects you and your neighbors.

In closing, make sure to grab your lawn chair or blanket and head out Sims Park to see the remaining artists of our Summer Sunset Concert Series!

Hope to see you there!!!
Sincerely,
Mayor Rob Marlowe



On June 15, 2016, Police Chief KIM BOGART was honored by ABC Action News with the 2016 Officer of the Year for the Taking Action Against Domestic Violence Campaign.

In previous years, ABC Action News has given this award to a law enforcement officer in Hillsborough County only however this year they felt it was fitting to bring the award across the bay and present it to Chief Bogart for his outstanding work combating domestic violence. The official announcement will be made by ABC Action News in October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, please know that there are resources that can help you. If you are in immediate danger, call 9-1-1 otherwise please contact the Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program Hotline at (727) 856-5797. Violence should never be a part of any relationship.



FRONT PORCHES

Ever pass a home with a great porch and notice your eyes linger just a bit? A great porch stands out. Even small porches can reflect the owner's personality and add curb appeal. Porches also improve the appearance of residential neighborhoods, encourage neighborly interaction, help create a safer environment and raise property values. In recognition of the special character of porches, the City allows covered porches to encroach into front setbacks of single-family zoning districts. This means that covered porches may extend into the required front yard setback, but not closer than 10 feet to the front property line.

Great front porch designs should meet three basic characteristics: architectural compatibility, functionality, and overall appeal. It should match the architecture of your home and appear as a seamless addition, one that integrates both the style and feel of your home. The front porch welcomes visitors, serving as a connection point with the neighborhood, and gives a first (and sometimes only) impression for passers-by and neighbors. An outdoor love-seat or sofa that can hold at least two people and one more solo chair make for a great arrangement on a porch. Accessories will give the space real personality without costing a fortune.



The Development Department is available to help you in planning your new front porch and offering design assistance. Visit us at City Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8AM - 5PM. Incidentally, the front porch provision is an eligible improvement under the City's Home Improvement Grant program. Contact Erica Lindquist at 727-853-1050 to find out if you can qualify.

CITY MANAGER'S LETTER



Dear Neighbors,
I hope you will enjoy reading this issue of the city newsletter. This issue contains information about many city services and programs that you may find useful as well as providing important dates that you might want to mark on your calendar. The newsletter also provides some updates on current issues and projects.

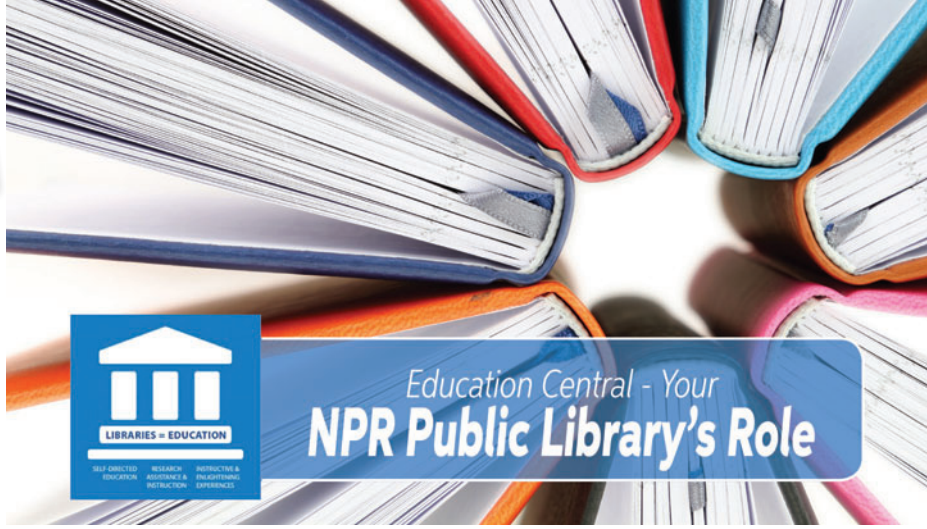


In large part, the purpose of the newsletter is to help you stay connected to the happenings of your city. Additionally, it is aimed to gain your interest and participation in the decisions that are made locally because after all, they affect you and your quality of life in our community. There are many ways in which you can participate some of which include: a face-to-face discussion with me, written correspondence, postings to the city's social media sites, volunteer service on a City board or committee or by attending a City Council meeting.

The most recent project that is underway is the establishment of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. The City Council and I are very busy trying to put together a document that satisfies their collective vision for the city and assigns a high degree of efficiency to the use of our resources. The City Council and I are also committed to providing a budget that reflects the values of providing services in a responsive, innovative and professional manner. In that respect, public hearings have tentatively been scheduled for September 13, 2016 and September 20, 2016 and I encourage you to attend and participate.

In addition to the budget, as you can see from the article on page 4 we are working on a project to draft a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan when completed will be the guide for improvements in our parks and recreation system for a ten year period of time. Specifically, the Plan update will identify ways to enhance and expand our recreational resources. This is one of the reasons that citizen input is needed. A plan without the benefit of public input is likely not to reflect the needs of our residents. Therefore you are encouraged to let us know your opinion by contacting us or by attending a meeting.

Please contact me if you need anything from the city staff as we are here to serve you!
Respectfully, Debbie L. Manns



Did you know that your NPR Public Library can change your life and that books and the internet are only a couple of ingredients in that process? Our talented staff have created an unparalleled and nationally recognized curriculum for you, based on our three pillars: Self-directed Education, Research Assistance and Instruction, and Enlightening Educational Experiences.

SELF DIRECTED EDUCATION:
Our Education Librarians collaborate with community experts to research a vast array of resources. This includes i-Study College courseware, Lynda.com, Mango Languages, Cypress Resume, Law Depot and more. Tutoring help and self-paced study skills for youth and adults are also available.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE & INSTRUCTION:
Free instructor-led online classes teach adults how to access our tools and take charge of their own education. Our classes address technology, business, foreign language, genealogy and e-library education.

SUMMER SUNSET CONCERT SERIES

Join us in Sims Park for our Summer Sunset Concert Series. The first concert was conducted on June 18 and featured the smooth jazz performance of the Shawn Brown Band. The series includes three additional performances by local musicians sure to entertain you. If time permits, be sure to stop for dinner at one of our wonderful downtown restaurants before enjoying the entertainment.

All performances are offered from 7:30 - 9:30 PM

- July 9 Katz Downstairz, Jazz/R&B
- July 23 Coastal Acoustic Barefoot Music, Soft Classic Rock and Parrot Head Music
- August 6 Isaac Byrd Jr., Smooth Jazz

Contact the Recreation and Aquatic Center, 727-841-4560, for more details on the following performances:

PARKS AND RECREATION Master Plan

The city is currently working on a project to establish a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan is one of the most important documents as it sets the stage for the future of recreation in the city. Once completed the Plan will serve as a guide for decisions that will be made to improve the recreational offerings of the city. In order to develop the plan a number of public hearings and other outreach efforts will be conducted so that residents can express their preferences for recreation services.

To get involved contact Elaine Smith, Parks and Recreation Director at 841-4560.

Splash Park SCHEDULE

Make a splash this summer at Sims Park where the city operates a 3,000 sq ft. splash pad with multiple spray jets that propel water upward onto the deck surface. The splash pad is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 30 minutes before sunset from April to October, weather permitting. At times the splash pad will be closed down for routine maintenance. To find out the most current conditions and maintenance issues please visit the city's website at www.citynpr.org. Please note that smoking or animals of any kind are prohibited in the splash pad area.



Annual Breakfast Honors Volunteers

The City of New Port Richey honored the many volunteers who donate their time by serving on either a board or committees of the city. The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast was held on April 14, 2016. Breakfast was served to a group of nearly 50 and included, City Council members and City department heads. Following breakfast Mayor Rob Marlowe expressed thanks on behalf of the city to the volunteers attending. A special recognition was given to Betty Black for her eighteen years of service to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The following is a listing of the various boards and committees of the city:

- Cultural Affairs Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Firefighters Pension Board
- Land Development Review Board
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Police Pension Board

Volunteers are always needed to serve on the City's many boards and committees. To volunteer with the City of New Port Richey, visit the website at www.citynpr.org.



Your City Council

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Development	853.1047
Billing & Collections	853.1061
Finance	853.1058
Library	853.1279
Parks and Recreation	841.4560
Public Works	841.4536

