



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
New Smyrna Beach City Commission
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The City reviewed 56 Capital Project grants totaling over \$8.5 million, including \$544,532 from FEMA. Under local action are 18-22 projects which will encompass Phase 2 of stormwater, Corbin Park, and the historic West Side. Although the State has contributed \$1 million, another \$5 million is needed.

The Brannon Center dock replacement is almost completed. North Causeway is redoing docks and should be finished in 4 to 5 months. Barracuda Blvd. project is 50% done and the boardwalk and beach access ramp at 27th Park are under construction. A police boathouse and Fire Station 50 expansion.

Next year there will be a storm water analysis which will be coordinated by the county.

New Smyrna Beach is working on being the template for a statewide Habitat for Humanity building project with 12 plus homes in the Sheldon St. area.

The Chamber of Commerce is promoting Talent Tours which expose students to local job possibilities.

The Chamber is also renovating its building on Canal Street and the Artists' Workshop occupies the upstairs. Each floor will have restrooms, and hot water will be available throughout the building. Lisa Martin expressed concern that the workshop be protected.

Pedal pubs were rejected in Flagler due to worries about open containers, noise, and narrow roads.

The Christmas Parade received positive feedback, especially for its barricades.

I would like to extend a thank you to those in our city government who have taken the time to sit down and discuss current issues and plans for the future. My appreciation goes to Commissioners McGuirk, Martin and Ashley as well as the City Manager and Chief of Police.