

Town of Thunderbolt

# Town Newsletter

April 2009



## A TASTE OF THUNDERBOLT SEAFOOD & ARTS FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY, MAY 30TH - 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:** Mechanics Ave From Victory Dr to Rowland Ave.

The Town of Thunderbolt is hosting  
“A Taste of Thunderbolt Seafood & Arts Festival”  
in support of the Town recycling project  
“Grow Green T’Bolt”

- Ⓜ **Arts and Crafts Booths:** For details on booths go to [www.art-encounter.org](http://www.art-encounter.org) or call Mary Ingalls at (912) 786-4060.
- Ⓜ **Food Court:** Local restaurants in Thunderbolt
- Ⓜ **Vendors:** Local businesses and more
- Ⓜ **Cooking Contest:** 1:00pm Open to all residents interested. For Details to enter call (912) 629-4653 \*Limit first 25 entries

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### THUNDERBOLT NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

For the past few months the Town of Thunderbolt’s Police Department, Town Council, and the Thunderbolt Community Improvement Association have been working with long-time resident, Sandy Branam, Coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch Program for the Town of Thunderbolt.

In the past week, the Town and Mrs. Branam were recognized for their efforts through the news media and local television station. Mrs. Branam has been working very hard to establish this program which is very important to all residents and to our community. Presently, there are still several streets and areas that need Block Captain Volunteers. Block Captains are needed for the following streets and areas that need Block Captain Volunteers. Block Captains are needed for the following streets and areas: 3rd Street, 4th Street, Bonaventure Road, Byrd Street, Clars Avenue, Fish Bait Trail, George Street, Louis Street, Gilreath Drive, Harris Street, Lawrence Street, Legion Drive, Meldrim Street, Oakwood Drive, Pierce Street, Vernon Street, Whatley Avenue (Upper Half) , Williamson Street, Wright Street, Falligant Avenue, River Drive (Lower Half), Wassau Bluff Condos, Thunderbolt Harbor Townhomes, River Crossing Apartments, Bonaventure Townhomes, Regency Trailer Park (Downing Avenue), and Russell Street. If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain Volunteer or need further information, please contact Mrs. Sandy Branam at (912) 308-8286 or Ronald Williams at (912) 547-6327.

#### **Purpose of the Thunderbolt Neighborhood Watch**

The basic purpose of our Neighborhood Watch is to have Thunderbolt citizens and our police work together to create a unified front against crime of any type so that Thunderbolt is always a safe town in which to live and visit. Our task is to be alert in our own neighborhoods by using our eyes and ears when suspicious persons or vehicles appear or criminal activity is taking place. We do not become involved. We call 911 and let the police do their work.

#### **Purpose of Thunderbolt Neighborhood Watch Block Captains**

The Block Captain is responsible for 10 to 15 houses, apartments, or condominiums and should be directly involved with their immediate neighbors. Captains are the link between neighbors and the Coordinators. The Captain starts and distributes a telephone chain with a current list of names, addresses, and phone numbers of the neighbors on their block. Captains visit new neighbors to invite them to join Neighborhood Watch. Captains notify all neighbors of meetings and training sessions in person as often as possible. Follow-ups may be by phone or email. Captains contact each neighbor as often as possible to talk about crime problems, needs for assistance, and suggestions for program improvement. This may be done at a monthly block meeting. The Captain passes on problems and new ideas to the Coordinators as often as needed.



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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**  
**WWW.THUNDERBOLTGA.ORG**

**ON CALL AFTER HOURS NUMBERS  
FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN CASE OF  
WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION OR  
SEWER LINE BACK UP:**

**(912) 644-7999, IF UNAVAILABLE CALL  
(912) 247-4449**



**THUNDERBOLT MARINE  
RESCUE SQUADRON 3-A**

**BOSTON BUTT SALE**

Saturday, April 11 • 11am- 4pm

Thunderbolt Fire Department

2702 Mechanics Ave.

Donation \$20

If you would like to purchase, please call (912) 354-3892 and leave your name and number.

**NEW WATER CONSERVATION POLICIES:  
POLICY ON RAIN SENSOR REQUIREMENT FOR  
LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS**

- A. As used in this section, the term "rain sensor shut-off switch" means an electric device that detects and measures rainfall amounts and overrides the cycle of an irrigation system so as to turn off such a system when a predetermined amount of rain has fallen.
- B. No person shall install any landscape irrigation system equipped with an electronic controller that does not have a rain sensor shut-off switch.

**EVEN-ODD WATER RESTRICTION POLICY**

- Outdoor watering may only occur between midnight and 10:00am
- Even-numbered and un-numbered addresses may water only on Mondays, Wednesday, and Saturdays.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.

**2008/2009 Monthly Comparison**

Classification of Offenses	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Yearly	
	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	08	09	2008	2009
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	3	3	0
Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Simple Assault	2	3	4	2	6	7	2	3	3	1	5	4	1	4	2	2	34	12	34	12	34	12	34	12	34	12
Burglary	1	2	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	6	4	10	5	3	42	7	42	7	42	7	42	7	42	7
Larceny-Theft	9	10	5	2	5	2	5	7	5	5	9	6	7	8	9	3	78	14	78	14	78	14	78	14	78	14
Motor Veh Theft	3	2	2	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	6	8	6

**NEW CONSERVATION ORIENTED WATER RATE STRUCTURE**

1. Water rates (To be implemented 4/1/2009):

- A. The base charge shall be \$8.00 for all metered connections to the Thunderbolt Water system.
- B. The following usage rates will apply to all metered connections. In addition these rates will apply back to the first gallon used:
 

0 – 4,000 Gallons	\$ .50 per Thousand Gallons
4,001 – 6,000 Gallons	\$ .75 per Thousand Gallons
6,001 – 8,000 Gallons	\$1.00 per Thousand Gallons
8,001 – 12,000 Gallons	\$1.25 per Thousand Gallons
12,001 – 20,000 Gallons	\$1.35 per Thousand Gallons
20,001 + Gallons	\$1.75 per Thousand Gallons

2. Waste Water (sewer) rates (To be implemented 4/1/2009):

- A. The base charge shall be \$10.00 for all connections to the Thunderbolt waste water system. This will apply to all customers who are connected to the common waste water system.
- B. The usage rate of \$4.25 per thousand gallons for monthly water usage less than 20,000 gallons per month and \$4.75 amounts greater than 20,000 per month for metered water will apply to all connections to the Thunderbolt waste water system.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Due to the installation of 30 new sirens throughout Chatham County, the Chatham Emergency Management Agency's (CEMA) scheduled monthly emergency warning siren test has been postponed from April 1st to April 8th. All of the new sirens will be installed and ready for activation by Wednesday, April 8th.

**SPECIAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Administrative offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 10, 2009.
- Council Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month in Town Hall at 7:00p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Meetings are held every third Wednesday of every month in Town Hall at 7:00p.m.
- Thunderbolt Water Education Festival for Thunderbolt Elementary Fourth Graders on April 16, 2009
- Adopt-A-Wetland Certification April 18, 2009, 1-4pm on Skidaway Island call Caroline at Town Hall, if interested.