

2003 SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY

10 Symphony in the Park, Kissimmee Lakefront Park
.....407-933-8368

JULY

4 Kissimmee 4th of July Celebration,
.....Kissimmee Lakefront Park 407-847-8368
4 St. Cloud 4th of July Celebration,
.....St. Cloud Lakefront Park 407-892-3671

SEPTEMBER

1-Oct. 26... Big Fish Open, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes
.....407-847-5000

OCTOBER

4 Silver Spurs Rodeo Parade, Downtown Kissimmee
.....407-67-RODEO

9-12 Silver Spurs Rodeo, Silver Spurs Arena at
..... Osceola Heritage Park 407-67-RODEO
12 Viva Osceola, Kissimmee Lakefront Park
.....407-847-3174

18 Oktoberfest, The Exhibit Hall at Osceola
..... Heritage Park 407-957-6138
18-19 St. Cloud Reunion Weekend, Downtown St. Cloud
.....407-892-3671

29-Nov. 2... AquaMania/Anglers Challenge, Kissimmee
.....Lakefront Park 407-933-0870

NOVEMBER

15 Osceola County Scholarship Bowl, Disney's Wide
.....World of Sports Complex 407-933-5400
15-16 Osceola Art Festival, Downtown Kissimmee,
.....407-846-6257

19-22 St. Cloud Southern Girls Basketball Tournament,
.....St. Cloud High School gymnasium 407-892-1005

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W. 192 REDEVELOPMENT
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West 192 Welcomes New Project Coordinator



Hector Lizasuain was appointed West 192 Project Coordinator in March. He is responsible for overseeing the construction and maintenance of the West 192 BeautiVacation project. His duties include working with contractors and developers to ensure that construction is completed on time and within budget. In addition, he serves as the liaison with business owners and local agencies. Hector has over 14 years construction experience, including five years in engineering and nine years in construction management.

Hector's goals for the West 192 project include improving the safety, convenience and efficiency of the West 192 corridor. He feels customer service is a priority to ensure that business owners are happy and that tourists have a positive experience while visiting our community.

Before accepting this new position, Hector was a Senior Engineering Technician for Osceola County where he was responsible for reviewing right-of-way utilization permits, plats, easement vacations and building permits, as they pertained to engineering approvals. He has also managed the county's year-round traffic count program and worked on traffic signal and sign warrant studies.

Prior to coming to Osceola County, Hector worked for the Chicago Transit Authority, one of the largest employers in Illinois. While there, he was responsible for capital improvement projects and supervised a 16-member crew, ensuring employee and passenger safety throughout work sites. In addition, he managed all phases of track construction, assuring quality control of construction materials.

A Kissimmee resident and father of two children, Hector is actively involved in his community by volunteering for various non-profit organizations. For the past 2 years, he has chaired the Junior Achievement Bowl-A-Thon for Osceola County Government. He also has volunteered for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Give Kids the World.



Year in Review

As you can see each time you drive down US Highway 192, significant improvements have occurred over the past year – freshly landscaped plants and flowers, 10-foot wide sidewalks, decorative benches and informational signs for tourists. Phases 2A and 2B of the Beautification Project have been completed and construction of Phase 2C is expected to start in the fall and be completed in 2005. Beautification will occur along State Road 535 to Hoagland Boulevard. This new segment will showcase improved lighting, transit stops, guidemarker signs, beautiful foliage, signage and most importantly, wider roads. These wider roads will not only improve traffic flow and safety concerns, but also enhance the beauty of the area. This BeautiVacation Project began in 1998.

For more information about specific improvements, please see the articles about VMS and City Solutions in this newsletter.

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Board Member Highlight

Bill Goaziou, W. 192 Redevelopment Board



Do you remember when

Bill Goaziou went to the then County Commission Chairman Charles Owen to get the Florida Department of Transportation to rebuild West 192? Bill will not forget. He asked that the roadway be a closed project versus the ugly ditches on the sides of the West 192 that existed at that time. Thanks to the efforts of Linda Goodwin Nichols, the West 192 redevelopment project became a public private partnership resulting in the showcase project we now have.

In 1965, Bill graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He has been married for 38 years to his wife Jan, who is a schoolteacher, and two children Jennifer and Michelle. He has an honorable discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served from 1959-1963. He was a former Audit Manager for Arthur Andersen & Co. (before Enron!), a Certified Public Accountant, Assistant County Manager for Hillsborough County in Tampa, and CFO for Garrison Channel Place.

Bill Goaziou has been in Osceola County since moving here in 1989. He assumed the position of Osceola County Manager. From then, until he left county government in 1995, he was involved in the Osceola Parkway project and the initial steps to redevelop

West 192. Since leaving Osceola County, Bill has worked for Central Florida Investments, the developer of the Westgate Time Share properties throughout the State of Florida. He handles all land development activities for the Westgate Resort Family, while handling the government entitlements in Lake, Osceola, Orange, Polk Counties and the cities of Orlando and Ocoee. This includes the Florida Department of Transportation, Water Management Districts, Department of Community Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection. He handles the permitting and operations of two water and wastewater plants, as well as dealing with all the zoning and planning issue for development and expansion of Westgate Development in Florida. This includes one-on-one dealings with elected officials.

He also serves on the Homeowners Association Boards at Grenelefe and River Ranch as a developer's representative. Bill is the Treasurer of the United States Soccer Federation, the National Governing Body of Soccer in the United States. He is an Appointed Member of the West 192 Redevelopment Committee by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioner. He is on the Board of Directors of the Osceola Resort Area Council, an arm of the Osceola County Chamber of Commerce. Bill is also an Adjunct Professor at Hillsborough Community College and the University of South Florida.

He believes the new convention center will stimulate new upper scale development on both the Parkway and West 192. This should provide new jobs and increase the tax base of Osceola County. Bill has continued his involvement in Osceola County as a director of the Osceola Resort Area Council Board of Directors as well as his involvement on the West 192 Committee.

VMS Beautifies West 192, the Gateway to Disney

On May 1, 2002, Osceola County entered into a contract with private company VMS, Inc., to provide infrastructure asset management services to a portion of U.S. 192 in Osceola County. VMS is maintaining a 10-mile stretch of U.S. 192, also known as the "Gateway to Disney." This route serves as the main entry into the Disney theme parks and supports local resident, business and commuter traffic.

Special features of this project include extensive landscaping, specialty lighting and painting, bus stop areas, curbs and sidewalks. VMS utilizes its own crews and a fleet of local contractors to keep this 10-mile section of US 192 in pristine condition.

VMS, Inc. is a premier transportation operations and maintenance firm in the United States. The company, which pioneered privatized highway asset management, was founded in 1995 to provide innovative and money-saving solutions for the preservation of infrastructure. Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, VMS operates projects across the United States and has been recognized by Inc. magazine as the 10th fastest growing private company in the country.

If you see an area of West 192 requiring additional maintenance, please contact the West 192 Redevelopment Office.

City Solutions Brings New Racks to Corridor

Osceola County signed a contract with City Solutions, based in Lake Worth, Florida, in November 2001. This contract involves constructing and maintaining illuminated publication racks in the transit shelters along West 192. These racks will contain community and tourism-related publications, which were selected for inclusion via lottery. The purpose of this unique public/private partnership is to provide tourists and community members easy access to information about the area. The racks are expected to be completed and fully operational by this summer.



Guidemarker Maps Available

Guidemarker maps are available to help those of you new to the area to discover businesses along U.S. Hwy 192. The maps direct visitors by category with a

number on the map that can then be easily found by a coordinating number on the signs near the businesses.

You may now receive up to 900 maps per quarter at no charge. This initiative has been taken to help promote the area during the redevelopment process. Maps may be

picked up at the office of Hector Lizasuain, Coordinator of the W. 192 Project. His office is located at 4845 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway between Guidemarkers 12 and 13. Fax the form below to (407) 390-9089, 48 hours prior to picking up the maps.

Complimentary U.S. Guidemarker Map Request Form

Fax to : 407-390-9089

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ Fax #: _____

Map Quantity Requested: _____

Requested date of pick-up: _____ Time: _____

Please Note: The coordinator will call you if he cannot meet you at the requested date and time indicated above.

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