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- Christopher Balter** - Senior Planner-Impact Fees/Long Range, County Impact Fee
- Daniel LeVans** - Equipment Mechanic II- Fleet Management, Vehicle Maintenance
- Lawrence Redmond** - Parts Clerk - Fleet Management , Vehicle Maintenance
- Harrison Youngblood** - Utilities Engineer, Utilities Operations
- Eli Maldonado Jr** - Range Attendant, Shooting Range Operations
- Natalie Novak** - Staff Assistant III, Fire Prevention
- Kaitlin Childers** - Marketing & Event Coordinator, Recreation
- Kassi Stanton** - Staff Assistant I, Water Distribution
- Ronald Nielsen** - Signal Cable Locator, Traffic Engineer
- Mark Hall** - Maintenance Worker, Intergenerational
- Patrick Murphy** - Senior Planner-Community Development, County Planning
- Sean Yarusinsky** - Video Security & Monitoring System, Facilities Management
- Calleen Jill Lester-Hughes** - Outside Operations Attendant, Golf Course Clubhouse
- Claris Patton III** - Sr. Maintenance Worker, Road & Bridge



## Same faces...new places!

Congrats to these employees on their promotions and transfers!



- Paola Foxx** - Library Clerk, Main Library
- Leisa Klerlein** - Planning Tech II, County Planning
- Ray Casas** - Senior Maintenance Worker, Parks & Recreation
- Benton Grass** - Utilities Crew Leader, Water Distribution
- Jeffrey Morse** - Heavy Equipment Operator, Road & Bridge



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## Congratulations & Thank You

to each of these employees for their years of dedication and hard work...

### 5 Years

Brandon DiFrancesco  
Cody Sparkman  
David Wheatley  
Garrett Cagle  
Harrison Bruno  
Hunter Troska  
Levi Coleman  
Michael Mazzola  
Zacharia Stephens

### 10 Years

Bradley Eskew  
Brennan Quigley  
Clifton Beuttell

### 25 Years

Robert Skok

### 15 Years

Craig Bell  
Jesse Roland

### 20 Years

Donald Jones



### James O'Neal

Wastewater Distribution

### Deborah Phail

Info Systems & Telecom



### Violet Krochmalny

Agricultural Extension

### Elizabeth Mumm

Advanced Life Support

## KUDOS!

### Way to go Inous Ellis!

We received a note from Camilla and Sam Reiner complimenting Inous Ellis for his help on Christmas night.

“Ellis was absolutely, outstandingly friendly and helpful to us getting a tow and being safe!”





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## Way to go John Birhanzl!



Mr. Gary E. Roberts sent us an appreciation letter for John Birhanzl in Veteran Services. He thanked Mr. Birhanzl for assisting his brother, a Vietnam Veteran, with his Veteran Affairs disability claim.

“...Mr. Birhanzl, you gave my brother hope, joy, encouragement, and the positive affirmation he needed to believe things will be different when he is awarded 100% total/permanent disability from the Veteran Affairs.”

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**In the parking lot behind Building B**



All donors will receive a OneBlood Long Sleeve T-shirt and a \$20 eGift Card! Plus, a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

## FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS!

Free at home tests can be ordered on line at: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

### The tests available for order:

- Are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR
- Can be taken anywhere
- Give results within 30 minutes (no lab drop-off required)
- Work whether or not you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Work whether or not you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccines
- Are also referred to as self-tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests



Please see the attached document for more information.



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**February is American Heart Month**, a time to focus on your cardiovascular health. More information can be found on [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) and in the February edition of the *Live Well, Work Well Newsletter* attached.

## Heart Attack Symptoms

- Chest Discomfort
- Discomfort in upper body areas
- Shortness of breath
- Other signs: cold sweat, nausea or lightheadness.

[Learn more about heart attack symptoms](#)

## Stroke Symptoms

- Face Drooping
- Arm Weakness
- Speech Difficulty

Call 911 even if the symptoms go away.

[Learn more about stroke symptoms](#)



**As a County employee you have an opportunity to set aside additional funds for retirement..**

In addition to the Florida Retirement System (FRS), Indian River County offers a Deferred Compensation Program to help you prepare for retirement. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mark Schilling at 772-284-9660 or [schillm@nationwide.com](mailto:schillm@nationwide.com).



**ATTENTION!**

Effective January 1, 2022, the maximum contribution limit for participants in governmental 457(b) plans as well as 401(k) and 403(b) plans is \$20,500. When combined with the age 50 catch-up limit, the total maximum contribution amount is \$27,000. Participants who qualify for the Special 457 Catch-Up provision can contribute up to \$41,000 in 2022.

W2s have been distributed and are also available in the Employee Self Service website (ESS). The 1095-C forms have been mailed to home addresses directly from BenefitExpress. Please report any concerns to Human Resources.





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## THANK YOU FOR WORKING SAFELY!

Safety incentive awards are available for employees who have not had a reportable accident in the past year, based on your annual date of hire.

See the Risk Management web page for additional details and award request forms.

### PLEASE REPORT IMPROPER DUMPING



Please call 772-226-1888 to report dumping of any substance into storm drains and canals or report online at [ircgov.com/publicworks](http://ircgov.com/publicworks)

### STAY

- home if sick
- Wear a face mask
- Maintain at least 6 feet between you and others
- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces
- Avoid touching your face