



Village of *Indiantown* **News Release**

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Indiantown Community Clean-up Events Focus on Mosquito Control

Collaborative Efforts Made Possible by a Florida State Grant to Martin County Mosquito Control and Volunteers from Keep Martin Beautiful

Indiantown, FL – Two Indiantown community clean-ups will be held in December to control mosquito breeding. The clean-up events, made possible through a state grant to Martin County Mosquito Control, focus on cleaning up and collecting waste containers, tires, and litter along roadways within the surrounding neighborhoods. Volunteers for the events are coordinated by Keep Martin Beautiful.

“As Martin County Mosquito Control, we are excited to help a local community tidy up their neighborhoods, as well as focus on minimizing mosquito breeding habitats,” said Alex Majka, mosquito control resource specialist for Martin County.

The first event is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Post Family Park located at 15200 SW Adams Avenue, Indiantown. Interested parties can park their vehicles across the street at the Indiantown Civic Center and Indian River College lots. Volunteers will be supplied with rubber and leather gloves, buckets, pick sticks, garbage bags and safety vests. A dumpster will be located on the back side of Post Family Park along SW Osceola Street.

The second clean-up event will take place on Saturday, December 19, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the vacant property adjacent to the Booker Park sports field located at 15101 SW 169 Avenue. The vacant property is located at the corner of SW 169 Avenue and SW Charleston Street. Event volunteers can park and pick up supplies from the staging area near the fire station.

“We want to thank Keep Martin Beautiful for promoting the clean-up event and helping find volunteers to make this event possible,” said Albie Scoggins, parks supervisor for Village of Indiantown.

Martin County Mosquito Control will be utilizing grant funding in the amount of \$15,000, awarded through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Science and the Florida Department of Health, to provide personal protective equipment, personnel, waste removal, and the rental of utility vehicles for waste hauling. This grant is specific in that awarded funds must be used to conduct community clean-ups in areas with containers that promote mosquito breeding. To meet the grant requirements, two clean-up events will be held in the Village of Indiantown.

The Village of Indiantown will be providing a light snack for all staff and volunteers. Drinking water and community clean-up supplies will be provided by Martin County Mosquito Control.

To volunteer for the clean-up events, contact Keep Martin Beautiful at <https://keepmartinbeautiful.org/>, 772.781.1222 or info@keepmartinbeautiful.org.

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Indiantown is a rural community in Florida's Treasure Coast. First established in the early 1900s, then incorporated on December 31, 2017, Florida's youngest municipality hosts a diverse population of roughly 6,000 residents. While it may be small, its resident engagement is exemplary and its potential for community building and new business opportunity is large. The Village mission seeks to enable economic prosperity and business while building pride and cohesion through hands-on self-governance. www.indiantownfl.gov

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