



## We're Blazing Trails

### Community Cycle Fun Day

Hundreds of excited cyclists flooded the streets of Titusville last month for Community Cycle Fun Day. The event was held to celebrate the three new bicycle and pedestrian trails passing through the city: the Coast to Coast Trail, the East Coast Greenway, and the St Johns River-To-Sea-Loop.

The weekend kicked off on Friday, February 23, with the ribbon cutting of the converging trails at the Temple Baptist Church on US-1. A number of guest speakers talked about the significance of becoming a trail town, including Titusville Mayor Walt Johnson, Titusville Area Chamber of Commerce President Marcia Gaedcke, and Brevard County Commissioner Rita Pritchett. Once the ceremony was over, several cyclists headed down the Coast-to-Coast Trail for the first time.

The next day, hundreds met at the Titusville Welcome Center to head out on the trails. Groups of bicyclists participated in their choice of 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40 mile rides. After refreshments were served to all, riders headed to the starting line before setting off as far north as Scottsmeer.

After returning from the ride, attendees met back up at Sand Point Park, where they enjoyed free food, drinks, and entertainment.

To check out some highlights from the event, visit [Titusville.com/BlazingTrails](http://Titusville.com/BlazingTrails).



## Schedule Your Spring Sprinkling

### Daylight Saving Time Irrigation Schedule

You know you need to reset your clocks for Daylight Saving Time, but do you know you also need to reset your irrigation controller?

Sunday, March 11 marked the beginning of Daylight Saving Time - when we all set our clocks forward one hour. Sunday, March 11 also marked the beginning of the spring and summer irrigation schedule. During Daylight Saving Time, March 11 through November 3, the irrigation restrictions change to allow outside irrigation no more than twice a week. Homes with even-numbered addresses can irrigate on Thursdays and Sundays. Homes with odd-numbered addresses can irrigate on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Businesses can irrigate on Tuesdays and Fridays. The irrigation restrictions apply whether you are using reclaimed water, well water, or city water.

Make sure you are ready for spring by both adjusting your controller to reflect the correct irrigation days and by giving your sprinkler system a check-up. Flip the switch and step outside and check to see just where your water is going. Watering the road and sidewalk won't make your yard greener, it only wastes water. Sprinklers directed towards driveways, streets, or sidewalks send water down the storm drains and into our local rivers, not onto your lawn. Check your sprinkler heads. A broken sprinkler head won't put water where you need it, so replace any broken heads immediately. While checking sprinkler heads, make sure that all the heads in any one zone match. Mismatched heads mean you are putting out different amounts of water and leads to dead spots and over-spray. Plants and turf should be in separate zones since they have very different watering needs.

If your sprinkler system is operating correctly, your lawn should not need to be irrigated more than twice a week to remain healthy. According to Maureen Phillips, Titusville Water Conservation & Public Outreach Manager, property owners who take the time to perform a simple spring checkup of their sprinkler system and reset their controller will waste less water through runoff and evaporation. "Taking the time to observe and maintain your sprinkler system will increase your system's efficiency, which will reduce your water use and improve the health of your yard."

Titusville residents can learn more about the irrigation restrictions and how to create an attractive water-saving yard by contacting the Titusville Conservation Office at 321-567-3865 or by visiting the Water Resources Department's Conservation Program pages at [www.titusville.com](http://www.titusville.com).

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