

# Application Form

## Profile

Burton C Thomas  
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]  
 Home Address

North Port FL [Redacted]  
 City State Postal Code

[Redacted]  
 Email Address

[Redacted] [Redacted]  
 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

### Please list three references (name only)

Jill Luke, Tricia Wisner, Devon Poulos

All board appointees shall have resided within the City for a period of one year and residency must be maintained throughout the term of office. A nonresident may serve provided that the individual currently owns and has owned real property in the City of North Port for at least one year prior to appointment pursuant to City Code, Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-3(b). Have you lived in North Port for 12 months or longer?

Yes  No

## Interests & Experiences

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Veterans Park Advisory Committee: Submitted

Are you currently serving on any other City Board/Committee? Citizens may serve only on one Advisory Board or Committee pursuant to City Code, Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-3(h).

Yes  No

If yes, which Board or Committee?

Parks and Rec Advisory board

Were you ever removed from a City Board/Committee due to lack of attendance?

Yes  No

Do you have any relatives currently serving on a City Board/Committee or relatives that are currently serving on the same City Board/Committee for which you are applying? Relatives shall not serve on the same Advisory Board or Committee pursuant to City Code, Chapter 4, Article I, Section 4-3(i).

Yes  No

**Educational Background:**

Associate Degree in Criminal Law

**Are you retired?**

Yes  No

  
Upload a Resume

**Please list any Civic organizations to which you belong.**

Amvets, Fraternal Order of Police

**Why do you desire to serve on the above Board/Committee? Please list any relative experience, if applicable.**

Served on the Manatee County Boys and Girls Club board, was vice president of the Florida association of Code Enforcement, board of directors for the fraternal order of police, Hernando Desoto Celebration general chairman in charge of the board of directors and all the events for the year.

Question applies to Veterans Park Advisory Committee

**Please indicate for which position you are applying. \***

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Member

**Demographics**

**Ethnicity \***

**Gender \***

**Acknowledgements**

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that if appointed, I will serve on the above board without compensation and at the pleasure of the City Commission.**

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I Agree

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree to abide by the Sunshine and Public Records Laws and attend all mandatory training sessions.**

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I Agree

**Please indicate if any information provided on this application is exempt under Florida Statutes Chapter 119.07.**

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Retired law enforcement so personal info is to be kept from the public

Burton C Thomas



EDUCATION: A.S. degree in criminology from Manatee Community College, Bradenton Fl.

Cleveland Ohio police academy, 16 weeks, graduated 3<sup>rd</sup> in a class of 125

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION: certifications in crime scene investigation, police photography, fingerprint classification, supervisory training, radar operation, firearms, tear gas, baton, first aid, emergency vehicle operation.

Current Florida class D guard license 

WORK HISTORY: Eastlake, Ohio Aux. Police sergeant

New York Central railroad police sergeant in Cleveland, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio police patrolman

Manatee County Sheriff Dept., patrol officer, crime scene technician, motorcycle officer, and environmental enforcement detective.

I was appointed as the manager of Code Enforcement with 8 investigators, 1 assistant and 3 clerical staff. Also was responsible for interviewing job applicants and selecting a person to hire. Was vice president of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (FACE) for 2 terms after statewide elections, met with the Florida governor and various elected officials relative to concerns and possible laws regarding code enforcement. I obtained 3 levels of certification in code enforcement and helped determine the agenda and criteria for required classes to obtain certifications in code enforcement.

I also served as the interim deputy director of the building and zoning department that included permit issuance, code enforcement, building inspections and zoning with 176 employees. My main responsibility was the reformation of that department in order to provide better customer service.

Sarasota County Government, Hired as a code enforcement officer and served as interim supervisor for south county at the Venice office. Transferred to the Sarasota Fire Dept. after completing the 200 hour fire safety inspection course at the Ocala Fire College on my own time on weekends. Served as a fire safety inspector.

CITY OF NORTH PORT: Permanent part time recreational attendant, responsible for front desk activities that include collecting fees, scheduling rentals, enforcement of rules and regulations while presenting a positive attitude towards the public and foot patrol of facilities to insure the security of customers and property while always considering City liabilities when making decisions to take actions to resolve any situations. I was there for 34 months when the job was eliminated without taking a sick day or reporting late for work.

RIDER MAGAZINE: Part time as a national staff representative responsible for attending motorcycle rallies to give safety seminars and sell magazines, authored product evaluation articles and stories of interest along with related photography. Was also responsible for leading motorcycle tours along the Blue Ridge Parkway and assisting in the formation of the Rider Motorcycle Touring Club chapters across the United States.

UNICOI COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT., Erwin, Tn.: Held the rank of reserve captain and was responsible for 24 reserve officers as relates to their background investigations, training, policy and procedures and scheduling for special events and standby duty. Reported directly to Sheriff Kent Harris.

MOTOR SPORTS HISTORY: DeSoto Speedway, Bradenton, Fl. Held positions of pace car driver, back straight flagman, head flagman/starter, and race director over a period of 20 years part time.

Florida Pro Truck Series, Florida and Georgia, head flagman for 2 years

FASTRUCK racing series, Florida and Georgia, head flagman and race director for 5 years

ASA Late Model touring series, served as the southern division race director for 3 years in eastern U.S. locations

ARCA Late Model Touring Series, served as the head flagman and technical inspector at locations from Minnesota to Florida and New Jersey to Kansas.

I have concluded that I no longer desire to travel frequently for part time motor sports work.

SECURITY: Worked gate security at Placida Harbour for several months as a favor but did not enjoy the stationary position. I attempted to resign but the area director has kept me on his employee list for special events.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FL.: Charlotte Sports Park, worked as an Event Staff Coordinator at the Tampa Bay Rays spring training complex for the 2016, 2017, 2018 seasons in a seasonal part time position. Was responsible for supervising staff during events, training and some emergency scheduling when staff called in ill or did not show up for work. Basic responsibility was to provide security for the facility and the baseball players while assuring the fans were also safe and having an enjoyable experience.

Other Interests: Restoring motorcycles and currently am making a resto-rod with a 1955 Chrysler 2 door hard top. Usually do all my own automotive repairs and regular maintenance.

Civil Air Patrol, served as a warrant officer and was responsible for background investigations of applicants to the CAP. No longer active.

REFERENCES: Mitch Lukevics, Director of minor league operations for the Tampa Bay Rays. [Mlukevics@raysbaseball.com](mailto:Mlukevics@raysbaseball.com)

Sheriff Kent Harris, 423-220-0577, [davidkentharris33@gmail.com](mailto:davidkentharris33@gmail.com)

Michael Jordan, special security for Charlotte Sports Park,  
[MichaelJordan@charlottecountyfl.gov](mailto:MichaelJordan@charlottecountyfl.gov) or [Michael\\_16583@msn.com](mailto:Michael_16583@msn.com)

Anita Black, Fire Marshal of Sarasota County, 941-861-2290



North Port, FL

# Veterans Park Advisory Committee

## Board Roster



**Donald F Bailey**

**1st Term** Jul 13, 2021 - Jul 13, 2023

**Position** Amvets Post 312 Preference

**Category** Member

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**Kevin J Burris**

**1st Term** Apr 27, 2021 - Apr 27, 2023

**Position** Public At Large

**Category** Member

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**Ronnie Carroll**

**1st Term** Jun 22, 2021 - Jun 22, 2023

**Position** Amvets Post 2000 Preference

**Category** Member

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**William A English**

**1st Term** Jul 13, 2021 - Jul 13, 2023

**Position** Public At Large

**Category** Member

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**Angelo "Skip" Felicita, Jr.**

**1st Term** Apr 27, 2021 - Apr 27, 2023

**Position** American Legion Post 254 Preference

**Office/Role** Chair

**Category** Chair

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**Danny Schumann**

**1st Term** Jun 22, 2021 - Jun 22, 2023

**Position** VFW Post 8203 Preference

**Office/Role** Vice Chair

**Category** Vice Chair



**Melodi Wilson**

**1st Term** May 25, 2021 - May 25, 2023

**Category** Alternate I

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**Vacancy**

**Position** Parks & Rec Advisory Board Member

**Category** Member

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**Vacancy**

**Category** Alternate II





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# Veterans Park Advisory Committee

## Board Details

Makes recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the planning and development of a new Veterans Park at the North Port City Center to include a proposed name and general design concept, possible funding, sponsorship, and grant opportunities, ADA considerations, educational, historical, and cultural opportunities, ideas for design and monuments within the Park, and other recommendations to the Park as City Commission may direct.


## Overview

 **Size** 9 Seats


 **Term Length** 2 Years

 **Term Limit** 2 Terms

## Contact

 **Name** Susan Hale

 **Email** shale@cityofnorthport.com

 **Phone** (941) 429-7061

## Additional

### Membership Requirements

This Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven regular members appointed by the City Commission and representing the following categories: Four members from any branch of the United States Armed Services, veteran, or active duty military, with a preference for members coming from the four veterans groups located in the City of North Port; two members of the public at large, with a preference for a youth member, one member who also sits on the North Port Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and two alternate members.

### Meetings

Meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

### Enacting Legislation

Resolution No. 2021-R-17

### Enacting Resolution Website