

# We are your Friendly Neighborhood Building Division

A DIVISION OF  
NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

# Who are we and what do we do?

- Development Tech- provides general information regarding land use, zoning, business tax, permits, licenses and fees
- Plans Examiners- review and inspect plans and projects to Adopted State and Local Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Electrical Codes
- Field Inspectors- confirm projects are being constructed to the Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical plans
- Zoning- review plans to the administration and enforcement of the flood, zoning, environmental, and wetlands related to the City's Zoning Codes
- Arborist- ensures compliance with plans, specifications, adherence to laws, ordinances, tree ordinance codes, and assist zoning with environmental concerns

# You won't find a more dedicated staff

- ✓ Our staff is dedicated to providing the best customer service in the area
- ✓ Meet with developers to provide guidance and assistance on our process
- ✓ Helps with a smoother progression of the project
- ✓ Provide support and guidance in the development and planning of a project
- ✓ We have a dedicated staff that strives to make the customer's experience with us a pleasant one

# Adoption of the new 2017 Florida Building Codes

These are adopted every three years



Training the trainers will provide better service for our customers



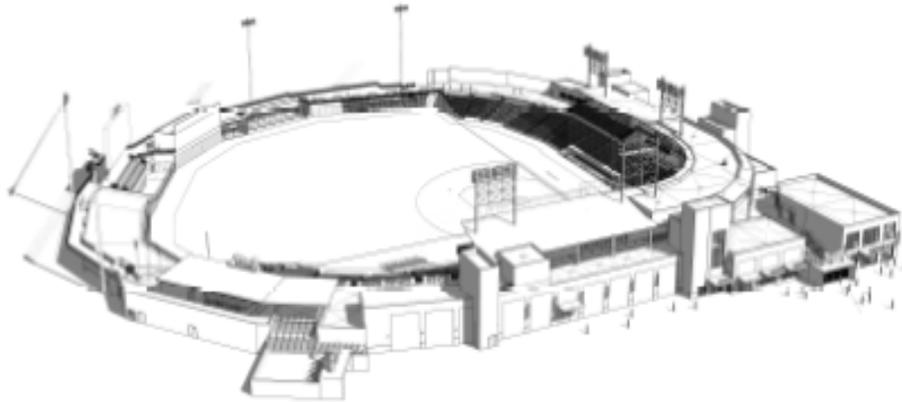
# Projects

- Our City's inspection team encounter many different types and sizes of projects.
- From simple room additions to major commercial projects.



- Our staff has to wear many different hats during the construction process. From project manager to problem solver.
- Working with the public, we are compassionate when it comes to understanding the difficulties that often occur during the construction process
- We always provide guidance and solutions

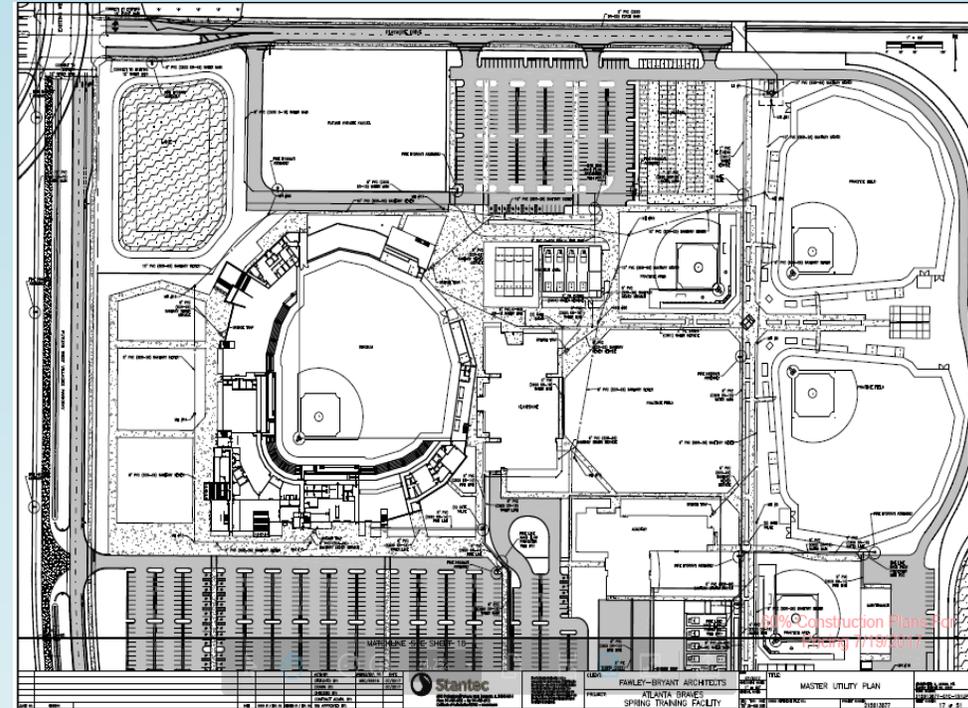
One of our “smaller” projects



***Atlanta Braves Spring  
Training Facility***

*City of North Port  
Sarasota County, Florida*

# Atlanta Braves Spring Training Facility

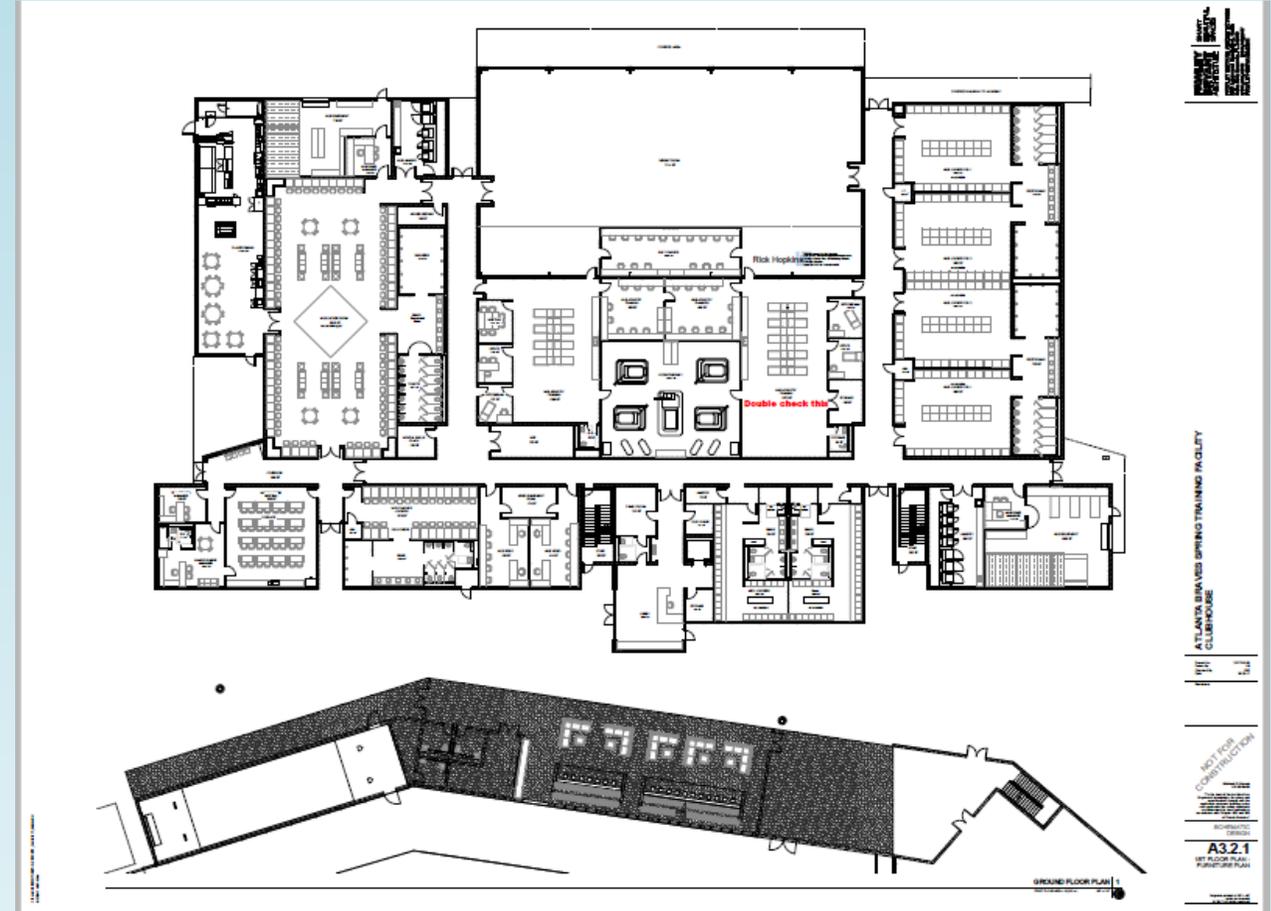


# Looking Towards the Future



# Electronic Plan Review

- To aid our customers, we will soon be providing Electronic Plan Review Services
  - Benefits are:
    - ❖ Faster response time
    - ❖ Cost savings to the customer, eventually no paper plans submitted to the City
    - ❖ Faster plan review times for second reviews
    - ❖ No more large areas needed for storage of paper plans
    - ❖ Better/faster communication between departments



# Skype Inspections

Utilizing new technology will provide faster and more convenient service to contractors and homeowners.

First we will be offering this to Mechanical Contractors on Heating and Air conditioning unit replacements.

The City will be adding more inspections to this process in the future. Examples of where we will be looking:

- ❖ Some re-inspections
- ❖ Water Heater replacements
- ❖ Footing and Foundations for additions
- ❖ To be explored.....



## City of North Port Virtual Inspections

### What is a virtual inspection?

A virtual inspection allows the inspector to remotely view the site using a webcam controlled by the homeowner or contractor. We are currently using Skype to perform virtual inspections.

Find us on Skype:  
[inspections@cityofnorthport.com](mailto:inspections@cityofnorthport.com)

### Is a virtual inspection right for you?

We currently offer Mechanical Change Out inspections via Skype.



### Getting Started

- Internet Access
- Device with webcam (iPad, iPhone, Smartphone, Tablet)
- Download Skype Available at the App Store, Google Play and [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)
- Create free account [www.skype.com/help](http://www.skype.com/help)

### Schedule a virtual inspection:

 (941) 429-7044, option 2  
[bldginfo@cityofnorthport.com](mailto:bldginfo@cityofnorthport.com)

Skype inspections **MUST** be requested by **3pm** to receive a next day inspection!

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# Increasing Work Load

## TOTAL INSPECTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEARS

2009 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 10,012

2010 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 10,180 = 1.68 INCREASE

2011 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 13,762 = 35.19% INCREASE

2012 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 12,240 = 11.06% DECREASE

2013 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 16,885 = 37.95 INCREASE

2014 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 23,208 = 37.45% INCREASE

2015 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 32,913 = 41.82% INCREASE

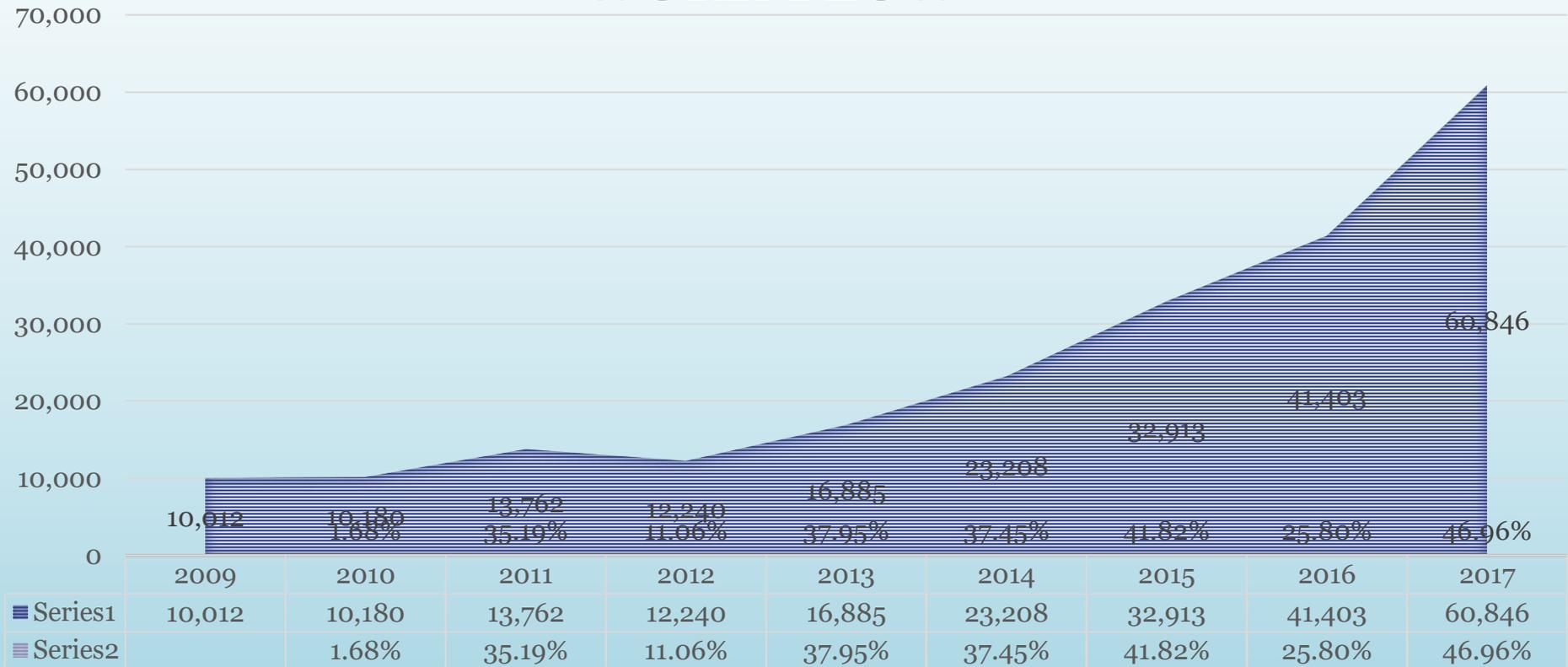
2016 TOTAL INSPECTIONS 41,403 = 25.8% INCREASE

2017 PROJECTED INSPECTIONS = 46.96% INCREASE

(THROUGH 08/23/2017 WE HAD 40,564 INSPECTIONS) (PROJECTED FOR THE END OF THE YEAR 60,846)

FROM 2009 TO 2013 THE CITY OF NORTH PORT HAS SEEN A MANAGEABLE INCREASE IN OUR WORKLOAD,

# WORK FLOW

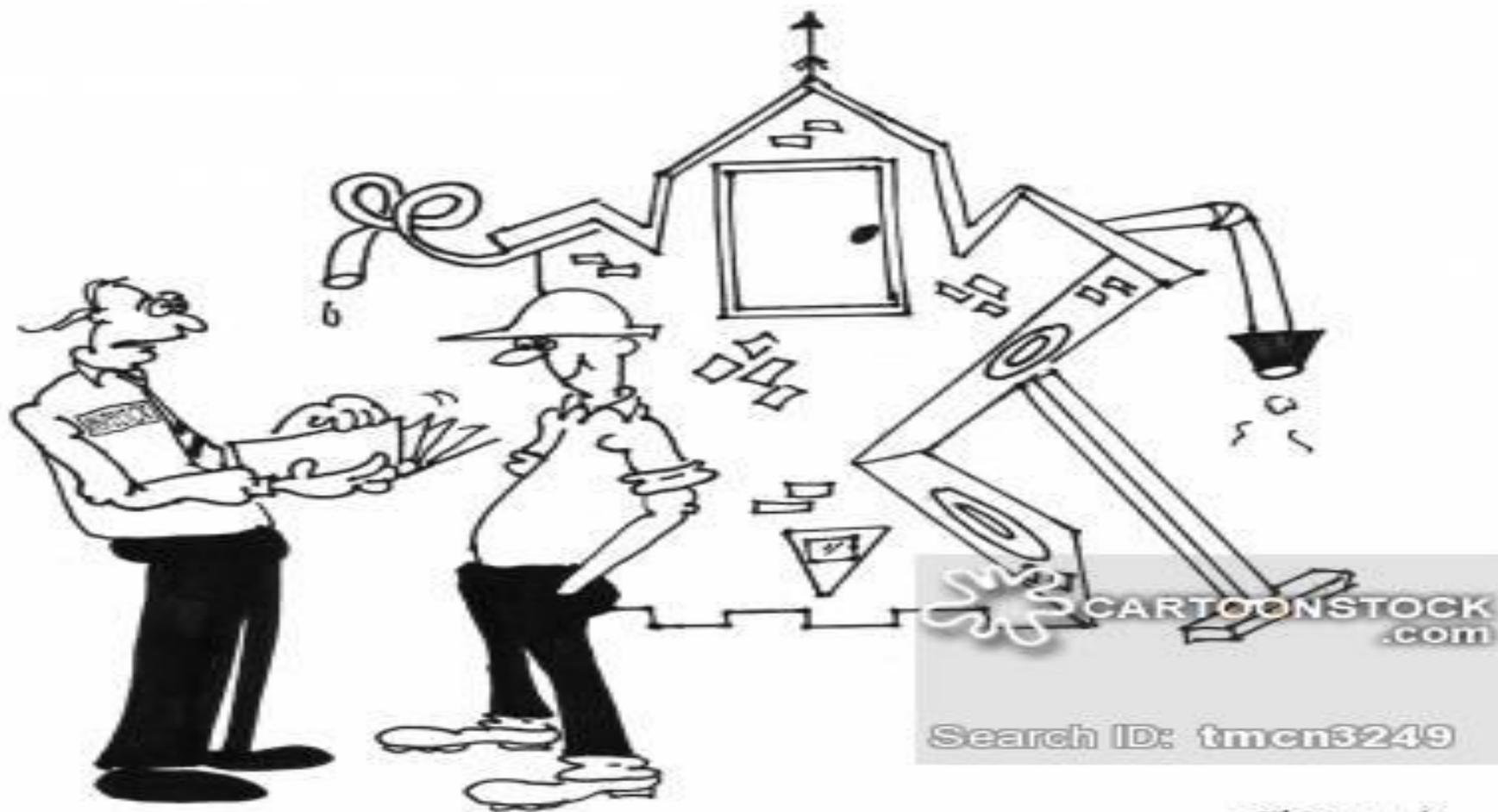


# Increasing Work Load Cont.

## **Note the percentage of increase**

One item that we need to be cognizant of is our Insurance Rating. The Insurance Rating Bureau grades us on the amount of inspections an inspector can perform per day. They indicate that the average inspector should not do more than 15-20 inspections (max) per day. If we exceed that number, our City wide rating could and will suffer. At the present time, some of our inspectors are leaving the office with well over the amount of inspections recommended by the Insurance Rating bureau.

The City is acquiring more commercial projects, which equates to more complicated and time-consuming inspections.



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"LET ME JUST CHECK THE CODE BOOK."

# How are we doing with the rest of the world?

## April 2015

- A new report from the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index® ranks the 100 largest communities in the United States by their comparative well-being. Gallup conducted 176,000 interviews with residents of all 50 states on topics including physical health, financial stability, community activity and supportive relationships. **North-Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, Florida**, has the nation's highest well-being, followed by Urban Honolulu, Hawaii; Raleigh, North Carolina; Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, California; and El Paso, Texas. El Paso also leads the nation in purpose and physical well-being.

# Questions



**"That's  
all  
folks!"**

