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## May the Schwartz be with you

Treasure Island Community Improvement Director Mike Wichman is a quiet spoken man - something people might not expect from someone who in recent years has confronted the danger of destructive flooding. Since 2000, Wichman quietly earned Treasure Island one of the highest flood preparedness ratings achievable from the federal government. That chapter in Mike's career ended when Wichman officially retired on September 26<sup>th</sup>.



*Retiring Treasure Island Building Official  
Mike Wichman (left) and his successor Neal Schwartz.*

Wichman recently announced that he is leaving after seven years directing Treasure Island's 7-member department to enjoy a well-deserved retirement at his Spring Hill, Florida home. As Community Improvement Director, he was also the city's Building Official. Replacing Mike in that capacity is Deputy Building Official Neal Schwartz, who City Manager Reid Silverboard appointed the duties and title of Building Official.

Schwartz joined the City of Treasure Island Community Improvement Department in 2004. His duties as Building Official involve inspection of construction projects in Treasure Island to make sure that they comply with state regulations and enhance the safety of the public.

Last year, Schwartz received the Building Official of the Year Award from the Building Officials Association of Florida for exceptional service and dedication to the community. He accepted extra duties monitoring the Code Enforcement Division of the department. His supervision brought many properties into compliance with Treasure Island codes. He has also contributed behind the scenes to hurricane preparedness, storm water management, appearance ordinances, planning and zoning and downtown redevelopment.

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