

TEAM has a deal for you — carved in stone

Laishley Park is the hub of some seriously exciting improvements to our fair city. Firstly, the new interactive fountain with a textured Pebble Tec floor is open for splashing as last week's Herald announced. This week we're focusing on the promenades leading to the fountain and the personalized pavers TEAM Punta Gorda is selling.

The pavers are available only through TEAM. The beautiful bricks are 4 inches by 8 inches and can be personalized with up to three lines, each with as many as 14 characters and spaces. This is a wonderful way to advertise your business, mark the birth of a child, commemorate a birthday, anniversary, or other milestone, or just plain celebrate living in what is rapidly becoming one of the most beautiful and



Sandy Price

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welcoming cities anywhere.

I don't know about you, but I've visited far too many cities with the nonwelcoming sign "No Wading" posted beside their fountains. I'm proud to hail from a place that basically says, "Come on in. The water's fine."

And that may very well be a perfect metaphor for the mindset of Punta Gordans. We've got a truly great city, and we're eager to share. In fact, many of TEAM's projects are undertaken in the hope of attracting more visitors to enjoy the casual Florida lifestyle that is the hallmark of our town.

There can be no



better result than making Punta Gorda a "must-see" location for visitors from across the state and around the nation while improving quality of life for those of us who live here part time or year round. And if any visitors should like what they see enough to move their families and businesses to Punta Gorda, we will welcome them with open arms.

But that's the future. Back in the present at Laishley Park, check out the brick pavers in the walkway leading to the fountain. There are

some 900 of them. All of those that are already engraved were bought by generous donors who want to contribute to Punta Gorda's revitalization.

What a perfect place

to announce your support for the new Punta Gorda arising from the rubble of Hurricane Charley. And this article is the perfect place to remind you that TEAM's name is an acronym of this message — Together Everyone Achieves More. It's a grassroots organization of citizens,



Yours could be one of them.

For continuity's sake, the pavers were ordered from the same company that produced those being used elsewhere throughout the city. The engraver, the man who carves your personal message in stone, is Tom Lewin of Lewin Brick Lettering.

TEAM's Web site, www.teampuntagorda.org, can tell you every-

ized pavers have become permanent parts of the park. More are going in often, under the watchful eye of Suzanne McCormick, chair of TEAM's Beautification Committee.

paver for \$100, three for \$250, or five for \$400. Small prices to pay for permanent pieces of history.

The landscaping that paver sales will finance at the Interactive

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See your name or those of friends or family carved in stone at the Laishley Park interactive fountain. Purchasing a brick helps TEAM Punta Gorda make the city a better place to live. fountain was planned by Punta Gorda's urban design staff and will be obtained from Powell's Nursery, a Punta Gorda business institution of long standing. The first plants to go in around the fountain will be large trees to provide needed shade. These will include geigers, gumbo limbos, and shady lady black olives. Fire bush and silver buttonwood are the choices for the understory shrubs. Finally, two Earth-friendly alternatives to turf

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