

Meet Our New Chen Employee!

Name: Richard Crow
Office: Fort Lauderdale
Position: Associate Engineer



Mr. Crow recently became an Associate Engineer after interning with the Fort Lauderdale office for over two years. He recently graduated from Florida Atlantic University. He is proficient in ArcGIS and

AutoCAD with respect to analyzing and designing projects. He has performed various site investigations and inspections for Chen and Associate projects and has contributed and assisted on presentations, technical reports and plan verifications. Mr. Crow has worked on Miami Beach City Center, Broadview and Dania Beach UAZ Neighborhood Improvement Projects as well as assisted in the design of the 48 inch force main located along the Florida Turnpike.

Chen Employee Birthdays

September 1st

Yulet Fernandez



September 7th

Derrick Smith



September 7th

Sharon Peltzie



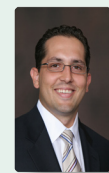
September 8th

Michael Jacobs



September 14th

Andres Diaz



October 26th

James Barton, PE



November 7th

Peter Dueño



November 19th

Oscar Bello, PE



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A Message from the President

Dear Friends:

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to meet with me this summer to discuss our past, present, and future service to you. Your input was invaluable in our efforts to continue to be the most responsive firm in South Florida.



"It may be fall, but we're going green!"

*Chen and Associates President
Ben Chen, PE, PhD, DEE*

As we change seasons and look towards the end of another successful year, we are focusing our efforts on sustainability. It may be fall but we're going green! We're furthering our commitment to reducing emissions by opening our new West Palm Beach office on the Tri-Rail line; helping cities such as Dania Beach save manpower and electricity through solar powered lighting (page 2); reviving neighborhoods by participating in Habitat for Humanity (page 3); and encouraging our employees to carpool and take public transportation (page 2) through company-sponsored incentive programs. According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, it is estimated that one billion gallons of gasoline exhaust could be prevented from entering our air if everyone biked to work or the store just once every two weeks! I encourage you to read this issue for ideas and solutions on ways we can all keep South Florida green!

Sincerely,

Ben Chen

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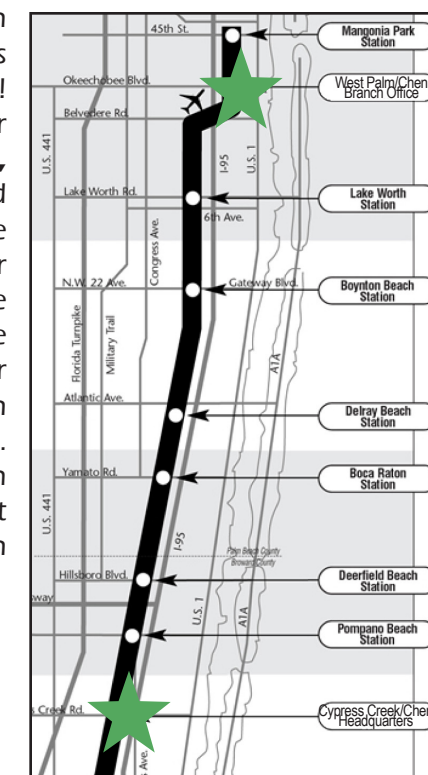
Chen and Associates Opens Third Office, Second on Tri-Rail Line

On August 1, 2007, Chen and Associates opened a West Palm Beach Office. The new location is conveniently located at the West Palm Beach Tri-Rail stop; Chen and Associates' Fort Lauderdale headquarters is located at the Cypress Creek Station. It is only a 40 minute ride between the two offices, allowing employees to commute easily between the two offices without driving! Branch Manager **James Barton, PE** spearheaded the office launch in order to provide more responsive service to our Palm Beach County clients. Visit James in our new West Palm Beach office:

500 Australian Ave. S.
Suite 615
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



Branch Manager James Barton boards the train at Cypress Creek.



Tri-Rail System Map

The Green Issue

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Project Spotlight: Dania Beach Solar Powered Lighting Conserves Energy



Dania Beach before



Dania Beach after

In an effort to eliminate dependency on the local electric utility, Chen and Associates designed one of the largest municipal projects involving solar lighting for the City of Dania Beach. The new solar powered lights were installed in a neighborhood bordered by State Road 7 on the west, Southwest 40th Street on the east, and Griffin and Stirling roads on the north and south. The City of Dania Beach received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in addition to their own funds.

The City of Dania Beach implemented the solar program after Hurricane Wilma struck in October 2005 and Florida Power & Light Company was overwhelmed with fixing poles and restoring power. The project encompassed 124 solar-powered fixtures and poles in the city of Dania Beach. The solar lighting assembly was engineered to withstand 150 mph winds per ASCE 7-05. The project was partially funded by Community Development Block Grant funds; the total construction cost was \$1.1 million.

Visit www.chenandassociates.com for video of Rep. Ron Klein honoring the City of Dania Beach for their solar powered initiative.

Did you know?

Over a quarter of Chen and Associates employees carpool and take public transportation? Several of our employees carpool together from downtown Fort Lauderdale to our headquarters on Cypress Creek Road. Our Miami Beach employees frequently use Miami-Dade Transit buses as well. Chen and Associates is also a member of the Tri-Rail Employer Discount Program and supports all employees who choose to commute via public transportation.



Miami Beach Intern Carlos Tijerino boards a Miami-Dade Transit bus to get to work.



Construction Inspector Derrick Smith and Associate Engineer Jennifer Fought carpool to the Fort Lauderdale office.

Chen Team Helps Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday August 25, 2007, Chen and Associates' employees assisted Habitat for Humanity of Broward with the construction of five homes. Team members worked with over 70 other volunteers to complete both exterior and interior painting of three homes; delivery and setup of cabinetry and fixtures for kitchens and bathrooms at four homes; and roof shingle installation on two homes. The homes, located in Pompano Beach, are the latest in the group's efforts to revitalize the area; more than a dozen Habitat-sponsored homes have been built in the neighborhood over the past several years.

Established in 1983, Habitat for Humanity of Broward has built over 200 homes for more than 1,100 children and adults. Future homeowners donate a minimum of 500 hours to the organization; one couple has already contributed over 800 hours of service apiece in the two years they have been involved in the building of their home.



Inspector Marlon John unloads parts with the future homeowner.



Team Chen after a morning of painting, lifting, and roofing.



Senior Engineer Russell Garrett paints the exterior of the home.

Chen and Associates' Employees Inducted as FES Officers

On June 20, 2007, Chen and Associates had not one, but two of its employees inducted as officers of the Florida Engineering Society (FES) Broward Chapter. Chen and Associates' Vice President **Peter Moore, PE** was inducted as 2007-2008 President and Senior Engineer **Safiya Goombs, PE** was inducted as 2007-2008 Treasurer. They both continue lengthy service to the society with Peter having won the Most Active Chapter Member in 2000 and Safiya having won both the 2005 President's Award and 2006 Most Active Chapter Member.

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Both Peter and Safiya are excited to be serving fellow engineers and the community

as a whole – true Chen and Associates values!

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FES Broward 2007 to 2008 Officers at the luau-themed induction.



FES Broward President Peter Moore and FES Broward Treasurer Safiya Goombs.