

# In & Around Bushnell

## Dentist's office cites state-of-the-art dental care, welcoming new and emergency patients

Bushnell Family & Cosmetic Dentistry doctors and staff focus on providing state-of-the-art dental services to their patients, according to Dr. Joseph Brent Novak.

Although he no longer sees patients or practices chairside, his focus remains on seeing patients receive "state-of-the-art dental care with caring, five-star service," through his associates - Carlos M. Rodriguez, III, DDS and Ankit Parikh, DMD - general dentistry.

Novak's original career was in the nuclear power industry as a structural engineer - he graduated Purdue University in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (BSCE). He spent 10 years in that field, before pursuing his, "true calling, dentistry."

In that pursuit, Novak attended the University of Florida College of Dentistry and graduated in 2000 with a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD).

He began working at a large, high technology, group dental practice in Hernando County and five years later, he went on to start his own practice, opening Bushnell Family & Cosmetic Dentistry.

At the Bushnell office, they provide everything from check-ups and cleanings, to full mouth dental implant restorations. In the near future, they'll even be able to offer IV sedation for patients with high dental anxiety.

They note they have been providing state-of-the-art dental care with more than 20 years of five-star customer service.

"I am most proud of our five-star customer service. We have earned over 1,200 five-star online reviews and an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau," Novak said.

They specialize in full mouth reconstruction. Their services include implant dentistry, from placing of implants to bone grafting for implants, crowns,



Dr. Ankit Parikh (second from left) and Dr. Carlos M. Rodriguez (third from right) with team members who work at Bushnell Family & Cosmetic Dentistry. The team focuses on providing state-of-the-art dental services to their patients, according to Novak.

bridges; oral surgery and extractions, bone augmentation/grafting, braces and retainers and cosmetic dentistry such as veneers, gum lifts and colored fillings; dentures and partials and general dentistry - fillings, root canals, cleanings, crowns and bridges. For other needs, they bring specialists in.

The office is located at the corner of U.S. 301 and C.R. 542W - approximately one mile north of downtown Bushnell. They note the location is easily accessible from The Villages, Wildwood, Webster, Ridge Manor and other surrounding communities.

They welcome new patients, as well as dental emergency patients and they are open Monday through Friday. Their contact number is 352-569-0100.



The Bushnell Family & Cosmetic Dentistry team members are shown (front row, left to right): Laurie Gleason (insurance coordinator), Kelley Butcher (assistant), Morgan Jennings (assistant), Carolyn Richardson (Director of Clinical Operations); (back row, left to right): Delynn DeRose (assistant), Liberty Krapek (administrative team), Kalee Burchfield (administrative team), Dr. Ankit Parikh, Dr. Brent Novak, Dr. Carlos Rodriguez, Darlene Platt (hygienist), Emily Poe (hygienist) and Burgundy Phillips (assistant).

## Community lights up Bushnell with Christmas fun

Light Up Bushnell definitely delivered with sparkle, magic and community cheer, according to event coordinator Kelli Barnes.

"We kicked off the evening with a spectacular lighted Christmas parade where the First Baptist Church of Bushnell brought home the top prize," she said.

The Light Up Bushnell residential decorations winner was the Driesenga family, while Martha's Flower Shop took the business title.

The parade and downtown event were held last Saturday evening at Marge A. Thies Plaza Park.

Barnes expressed her gratitude to everyone who entered.

There were three gingerbread house winners - first went to Adam Wayte, second to Alexis Gabriel and third went to Grayson Yarbrough.

"The kids loved visiting Santa and Mrs. Claus, where they received extra-large candy canes, Santa hats and such," she said, adding her gratitude to Wade Law and Markside Equipment.

"After telling Santa their wish-list, they headed to the Lowery's True Value tent where

they were given hot cocoa and a cookie."

Adams and Adams sponsored the gingerbread competition and Connie Mahan and her crew helped children prepare their letters to Santa.

The City had more than 20 bicycles that were given away, as well as a 65-inch television.

Woodard and Curran, Century 21 Prime Properties and some private donors made that possible.

The horse drawn sleigh and wagon were sponsored by ACMS and Randy Mask and his team from the Sumter County Tax Collector's Office coordinated a cake walk that the kids and parents loved, she said.

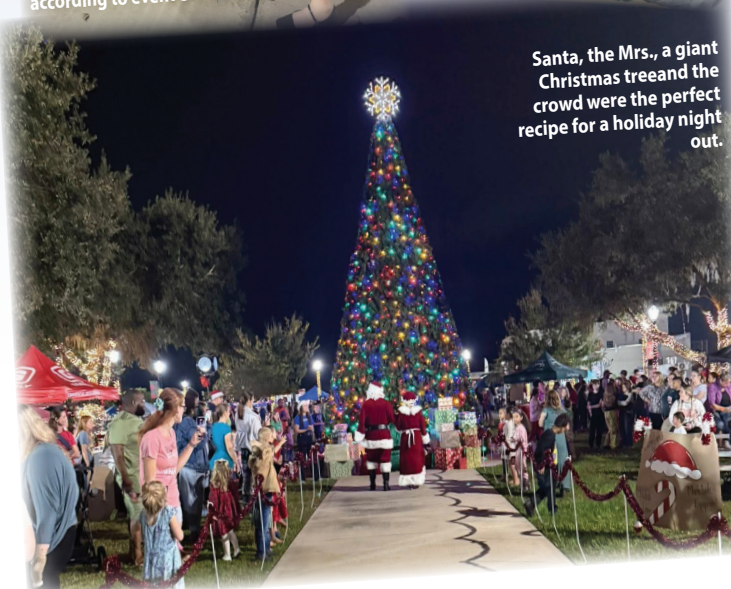
"The Grinch, Cindy Lou Who and Max crashed the party, bringing big smiles to many children. Movies in the Park played throughout the evening."

Envy Wellness and Spa supplied cookies for kids to decorate and eat and holiday music was provided by the First Baptist Church of Bushnell.

Santa, Mrs. Claus and some elf helpers, Kaley Browdy (left), Ricky Tenorio (front) and Imani Grey (right), were on hand to ensure the event was fun for all.



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Santa, Mrs. Claus, a giant Christmas tree and the crowd were the perfect recipe for a holiday night out.



The event included a lighted night parade along Main Street.



The City of Bushnell float - by day with some of the staff and volunteers.



The City of Bushnell float by night, moving along Main Street during the parade.



Watching the parade, participating in the fun.

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