

## **Mayor's Report for 28Mar2023 Commission Meeting**

We've welcomed spring to our Town with the arrival of our summer birds, like the swallow-tail kite, nesting screech owls and our resident eagles treating us with flyovers. I encourage residents to look up and look around and be grateful for the natural beauty we enjoy and value in our community.

Speaking of our community - we are deep in the details of planning a great Founders Day celebration for Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 12-4pm to recognize the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Town's incorporation. We will once again be firing up the Town's smoker and have lots of activities for both kids and adults, a live band, raffle prizes, the BCSO Mounted Patrol and so much more. Details are posted on the Town website, Dayton and Town Bulletin Boards. To kick off the festivities, the Commissioners will host the Ice Cream Social on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8pm.

The work on the Main Force Sewer line by the City of Melbourne is continuing along the M-1 Canal. There will be additional construction along South Drive as the project takes its westward path towards Wickham. The equipment and drilling have made a mess of the corner of South and Hammock, but it could have been so much worse. The original project planned to bury the lines in surface trenches along the entire length of the canal/South Drive, instead they are using directional drilling to minimize the impact to the surface area and trees. So, let's continue to exercise patience and drive safely as work continues behind the homes on Crane Road and along South Drive. Thank you for your patience.

I held my first Mayor's Town Hall on March 18<sup>th</sup> with approx. 25 residents filling this room. It was a good conversation with residents, relaxed but informative. Everyone enjoyed the donuts and coffee too. We touched on a myriad of issues such as, our options with BCSO moving forward, aging Town infrastructure, tree removal guidelines and permit processes, unsafe structures, and the potential re-zoning of Campbell Drive. Many topics brought up by residents reinforced the purpose and essential role of Code Enforcement. It was a learning experience for everyone.

I had a meeting on Thursday with Ron Little, the new South Precinct Commander, in preparation for the upcoming Law Enforcement Workshop, 10AM Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in the AHF Hall. We look forward to providing residents more information on dedicated coverage under a Contract with BCSO versus a Municipal Special Tax Unit. The decision of what type of coverage and the relationship we plan to have with BCSO in the future is a decision for all residents. Encourage your neighbors and friends to attend these workshops. Our goal is to inform and educate; to provide the information necessary for residents to make the right decision for themselves and our Town.

As a reminder, the Town will begin using Constant Contact email service as another communication tool to send notices of Town Commission, Cmte and Board meetings, Agendas,

the Mayor's report, and general information important to residents. Please provide your email to the town either in person or via email to Marissa at [OfficeAdmin@melbournevillage.org](mailto:OfficeAdmin@melbournevillage.org) with the Subject line: "Sign me up!"

Thank you. Let's keep the conversation going!

-Mayor Ditty