

25 April 2023 Mayor's Report

April was an especially busy month with multiple meetings and Town events. We are winding down from a fun weekend and a successful Founder's Day celebration. I hope everyone had a great time – I know the kids and I did. Thank you to the Commissioners, Staff and many volunteers for their hard work. It was a learning year for all of us. Thank you to the AHF for use of their property and their monetary donation. I especially want to thank Commissioner Foster who did the bulk of the planning and organizing; literally blood, sweat and tears to provide a great experience for everyone.

As you may have heard, the effort to stop Maronda Homes' rezoning within the Campbell Drive neighborhood was successful and they have since withdrawn their application for a zoning change. Congratulations to the residents of Melbourne Village that supported this effort and showed up in force at the WM P&Z meeting.

Our second Law Enforcement Workshop is scheduled for this Saturday, April 29th at 10am, in the AHF Hall. Leadership from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) will join us to address residents' questions as we discuss the differences between a Contract or moving to coverage under a Special Municipal Taxing Unit. These options will have a profound effect on the Town Budget, your taxes, and patrol presence in the Town. The decision of what type of coverage provided by the BCSO in the future is a decision for all residents. **Please** 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.

We will soon schedule our 6-month budget review as well hear the findings of the Town's Audit and Annual Financial Report. The Town completed our audit requirements in March, which is quite an accomplishment. I want to thank our Town Clerk, Heather Roberts, who worked diligently to juggle audit requests and requirements, plus her other duties these past months. This set us up nicely to begin our search for a new auditing firm. This is but one example of the value Heather brings to our municipality. I also want to thank our long-time Auditor, Linda Crawford, CPA who will present the Annual Financial Report at the Special Meeting. We appreciate Linda's professionalism, guidance and hard work for these many years.

And finally, now is the time to get ready for the upcoming hurricane season, which seems to start earlier and earlier each year. The Town has started preparing and I encourage you to take the time to ensure you have a plan for your pets, important papers, health and personal needs. As always, we are looking for additional volunteers to help with the Street Captain program. We will host a few Street Captain informational and orientation meetings in May and June. Neighbors looking out for neighbors is the best way to ensure we make it through difficult times safely. Let me know if you want to join this important volunteer program.

Thank you. Let's keep the conversation going!

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