

## 24 October 2023 Mayor's Report

The cool dry weather ushers in the start of our fall season, however, we still need to keep an eye on the tropics as storms continue to form due to the unusually warm waters in the Atlantic. Hurricane season doesn't end until November 30<sup>th</sup> so please remain vigilant.

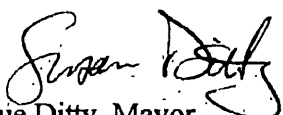
You may have noticed that we have newly installed metal roofs on the Town Hall and the Public Works garage. We are thankful for the previous administration that acquired the American Rescue Protection Act grant that funded these projects. The next projects using ARPA funds are to replace the septic systems at HWCH and the Garage with advanced septic systems, and work on the Hall Road culvert. Quotes are still under review for restoration of the HWCH. Hopefully we can get this work done during the dry season.

Even though we are advertising on many sites and communicating with other municipalities, we've received very few qualified applicants for the openings in our Public Works department. The Town Clerk and I are investigating temporary options while we continue searching for the right personnel. The good news is that our Volunteer Corp led by Commr Muzzone has the Town grounds, the garage and equipment in great shape so whoever comes in will start with a good base and understand what is expected. The parts to repair the Public works trailer have arrived so it should be operational shortly. This will allow the Town to begin clearing swales in the ROWs around town based on a priority schedule.

We have several activities and holidays in the next few weeks for residents to enjoy, learn and celebrate. First up is the Town's Trunk or Treat next Tuesday, Oct 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween evening from 6-8pm in the parking lot. We hope to see lots of participants handing out treats to our younger residents (or those young at heart like me). On Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Town is sponsoring a seminar on property fraud in the AHF Hall. Rachel Sadoff, Brevard County Clerk of Court, will be educating us on the who is at risk and how to protect yourself from the fastest growing white-collar crime in the United States. Property fraud, also known as "house stealing" involves the unlawful transfer of ownership of property and often goes undetected. Come learn how to protect yourselves, how to research your own property to ensure you do not fall victim, and what to do if this ever happens to you. Commr. Foster organized this opportunity at a recent Space Coast League of Cities meeting.

Then on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we will hold our first Veteran's Day Recognition celebration in the AHF Hall. There will be a Hot Dog Social and other snacks to enjoy as we take this opportunity to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of our Military resident neighbors. I hope you will all come thank our Melbourne Village veterans for their valuable service to our country. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you. Let's keep the conversation going!

  
Sue Ditty, Mayor