

Mayor's Report, 23 April 2024

Lately it seems I begin every Mayor's Report stating how much is getting done around Town. Today, the office AC units were replaced so we are set for cool air this summer. Thank goodness it was a cool day for our staff. Our Attorney John Cary and I are finalizing our Law Enforcement Service Contract with BCSO for the next fiscal year and plan to present this to the Commission in May. HWCH repairs are continuing – the soffits were replaced, and floors sanded down and refinished beautifully. Next up is caulking and painting to seal the exterior, refurbishing the handicap ramps and some landscaping to brighten the exterior.

The Commission, with the help of the Charter Review Committee has essentially finalized the updated Town's Charter. We held a Workshop on Saturday which was very productive, and a few minor changes were made based on discussions. Talk to your neighbors, we need and want participation from residents. We will be holding only one more Charter Workshop on Tuesday May 7th at 6:30pm. The updated Charter is posted on the Town website and copies available in the Town Office.

We are also preparing the two referendums for November's election. This includes the referendum on whether to accept the revised Charter and the referendum on whether the Town continues with a BCSO Service Contract or switch to a Municipal Special Tax Unit (MSTU). Mark the Date! We will have a workshop on our Law Enforcement options on Saturday May 11th at 10am.

This is the big rush of Founders' Day Weekend preparations with the big party coming up in just a few days. Please let me or Commissioner Yorio know if you are willing to help with setup during the week or Sunday morning. We definitely need muscle to help Public Works set up the stage in the next few days, and many hands to set up the hall, and outside canopies and tables and chairs.

Hope you all come out and enjoy the celebration! The weekend starts with the Commission hosting our Ice Cream Social Saturday evening. Come enjoy some with sweet goodness and catch up with your neighbors. Sunday activities start at 12N with live music, games, raffles, and traditional picnic fare of hamburgers and hotdogs. Side dishes and desserts are potluck so bring your favorite dish to add to the table. Celebrate old friendships, meet new residents, dance the afternoon away, and Dunk the Mayor!

Let's keep the conversation going!

Sue Ditty, Mayor