

Mayor's Report, 25 March 2025

Welcome to the March commission meeting. As always, it's good to see everyone this evening.

We started off the month with a very successful reopening of our playground! I was swarmed by children almost as soon as I cut the ribbon! It was wonderful to hear the shouts and laughter that day, and almost every day since. We are working on updating the picnic table area and adding a bench.

Spring has sprung here in the village, and it is wonderful to see flowers blooming throughout town. The azaleas were magnificent, and the wildflowers prolific along the swales and in yards. I'm happy to see the no mow, pollinator signs have been a success. More are available from the Town Office.

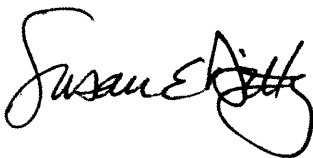
The warmer weather means Hurricane Season is coming fast. Please keep an eye out for upcoming Street Captain meetings to review the program. Street Captains are individuals that check on, and let neighbors know resources are available if needed. We need a few more street captains, so talk to me if you want to learn more about this effort. Information can also be found on our Town Website.

Speaking of our Town Website, we will begin converting to a new platform supported by CivicPlus in the upcoming months. Many local cities such as Melbourne Beach, Malabar, Palm Shores, and Indian River use CivicPlus, so you can go their websites to get an idea of options available.

Continuing our effort to inform residents and contractors alike, the Town will start posting signs on known contractor debris piles. Public Works will also spray paint the piles so if they can be identified if the pile is moved to another location within the village. I have been in contact with WastePro management, and there are no "side contracts" or "arrangements" with any contractors and WastePro to pick up contractor debris. I am focusing on this issue because these contractor debris piles jeopardize our WastePro contract and significantly increase the monthly tonnage weight of debris collected here in the village. As tonnage increases, so will the cost of doing business with WastePro. I want to help all of us by keeping costs down and ensure fair business practices for everyone.

Our Founders' Day weekend is only a month away! It's a great day of fun and hanging out with friends we may not see that often. The ice cream social is Saturday evening on April 26th at HWCH with Founders' Day following on Sunday the 27th. If you want to help in the kitchen, set up the games, parachutes, tents or other tasks - please attend the volunteer organization meeting Monday, April 7th.

Thank you for the privilege to serve. Let's keep the conversation going.



Mayor Sue Ditty