

17 December 2024 Mayor's Report

Another year has passed in the Village, and I want to thank the residents for your continued support for the Commissioners and Staff. Thank you also to those attending the Mayor's Town Hall meetings – only a handful attended this past Saturday, but we had an informative discussion.

The past year was quite busy. To name a few of our key accomplishments; Town culvert replacements have begun, HWCH is fully restored and protected, sidewalks on Dayton are safe to use, the Hall and PWs Garage roofs are new, the Town Hall septic is replaced, we have a new Town Charter, lower millage rate, and we will soon get the last batch of refurbished street signs installed. We are still on track for the HWCH septic system to be replaced, and we WILL get our playground installed! We had to engage our Town Attorney to “motivate” the installation contractor.

Progress such as this, and the numerous monthly and yearly tasks would not be feasible without our dedicated staff. Heather Roberts, our Town Clerk, has helped tremendously to “right the ship” and be the leader we needed. For the first time in many years, we have a stable, cohesive team working well together and with residents. Seems like a long time ago that the Town was dubbed a “Phoenix Rising”. How true.

We will continue to work hard for you in 2025. The January Cardinal will be chock-full of updates and news – tear out and keep the Calendar page for key dates. We will start using the email TMVNews@melbournevillage.org for our Municipal Announcements, Reports and Vital Information Network – AKA the MARVIN report.

Please save the date: we will host the Invitation-Only dinner to honor the dedicated volunteers who support our Town by giving their time and effort throughout the year. The date is Saturday January 25th at the HWCH. Keep an eye out for information in the Cardinal and via email. Vice Mayor Foster is leading this effort.

Similar to last year, the predominant feedback from residents, is one of positivity and pride in our Town. I am grateful and honored to have the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. I thank the Commission and Staff for the collective Team Effort.

Happy Holiday! and here's looking forward to a great New Year!

Let's keep the conversation going!

Sue Ditty, Mayor