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Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

There is much happening in our little town! Here's a brief update:

- The [cell tower site drilling](#) and the **concrete pour** have been completed. The **tower is expected to be delivered the second week of January.**
- If you have MONDAY waste pickup, the **holiday schedule for Christmas & New Year's Day** is that it will **not be picked up for single family residences until Thursday**, and **multifamily residences** will be picked up as quickly as possible beginning Tuesday morning.
- Information will be forthcoming as soon as possible regarding the new **waste & recycling rates** from Republic Services.
- Some of our residents have been asking about **prepaying property taxes for 2018**. According to the **Tax Collector's office**, the State of Florida operates by collecting taxes in arrears, and will not have the 2018 tax roll until October.

At the December 14th Council meeting, the following noteworthy actions took place:

- [Resolution 17-10](#) **opposing proposed legislation that limits home rule authority over trees** was passed.
- [Resolution 17-11](#) **encouraging the Constitution Review Commission to have an amendment protecting home rule authority on the 2018 ballot** was also passed.
- Following discussion about the **reuse water line agreement between John's Island Water Management District and Indian River County** it was determined to set a workshop in January with the City, County, the Town and John's Island Water Management District.
- The Mayor gave a brief but positive update on the **Vero electric utility sale**.
- It was decided to continue as it has been done for several years regarding **collecting for ambulance transports** if insurance coverage is provided, and writing off those balances that are uncollected after two attempts.
- The report on **sick leave analysis showed no significant deviations** from routine usage, with Chief Rosell agreeing to continue to monitor it closely.
- There was almost 45 minutes of discussion regarding the new **solid waste and recycling agreements**. John Culbertson with MSW Consultants was present to answer questions. The **solid waste** agreement with Republic Services was approved with a change in paragraph 9.2, and the **4th amendment to the recycle contract** with Republic Services was approved extending it through April 30, 2018.
- It was announced that Public Safety Department's **Lieutenant Mark Shaw was promoted to Captain**. He will be attending the FBI Academy in January for 12 weeks.
- Following some questions received after our November 6 news alert in which it was mentioned the fully actuated pedestrian/vehicle traffic signal would be operational in December 2018, the Town Manager gave an update on the **pedestrian crosswalk at Fred Tuerk/Beachcomber**, stating that it was the FDOT who determined the safest solution with minimal affects to traffic is to have the fully actuated signal. The Town had asked for a pedestrian-activated light with a flashing crosswalk or sign, and this was their recommendation following an extensive study. A fully actuated signal means that the light will go to red for north-south traffic on A1A ONLY if 1) a pedestrian pushes a button to cross, or 2) if a vehicle traveling east on Fred Tuerk Drive or west on Beachcomber Lane comes to a stop at the light for a determined amount of time. In the absence of one of these events occurring, the light will stay green for north-south traffic on A1A.
- **Building Official Jose Guanch** gave end-of-year statistics, and **Treasurer Heather Christmas** reported that the auditors have begun their review process.
- Vice Mayor Ochsner reported that the **Beach & Shores Preservation Committee** received word from Coastal Engineer James Gray that the Town's beaches in Sector 4 are eroding faster than those in Sector 3, which was classified as



“critically eroded.” **John’s Island Property Owners Association General Manager Jim Moller** reported that they will begin dune restoration process on January 2 the entire length of their property at their expense as it is not classified as critically eroded.

With wishes for all to have a happy, safe and healthy New Year,

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