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Good Afternoon Residents & Interested Parties,

The news that may be of interest to you is as follows below:

- **Sea Turtle Nesting Season Starts Today, 3/1:** Sea turtle nesting season begins March 1st and ends October 31st each year. Beachfront lighting is regulated to help protect sea turtles based on scientific documentation, as such lighting can disorient sea turtle hatchlings. Disoriented hatchlings crawl towards artificial lighting instead of the ocean, and adult turtles will frequently avoid nesting on lighted beaches. Indian River Shores adopted sea turtle protection regulations that restrict beachfront lighting during sea turtle nesting season. Indian River Shores Code of Ordinances 91.43; 91.41 sets forth parameters for artificial lighting. For further information regarding the restrictions, please visit our website at <http://irshores.com/About-Sea-Turtles-and-Beaches.html> (or click the link below). If you are interested in learning more about sea turtle conservation and volunteer opportunities, please contact Kendra Cope, Coastal Resources Coordinator for Indian River County, at 772-2226-1569.
- **Cell Tower Update:** Unfortunately, the equipment that was to be delivered for Verizon has been further delayed. The equipment that was scheduled to be delivered March 1, has been pushed back to April 15. The report is that this delay is from the manufacturer. We will continue to attempt to push for an earlier installation. We regret this setback.
- **Community Center Update:** Progress is accelerating as completion is in sight. Exterior painting is close to completion. Interior drywall is complete. Interior trim and finish is underway. The driveway will be a

major exterior project that 'may' cause very minor delays on Fred Tuerk -
-- appropriate signage will be available.

- **Regular Town Council Meeting 2/28/19 Update:**

- Mayor Tom Slater read a *proclamation honoring Mr. Robert H. Stabe Jr.*, former Town Manager, and a framed copy of the proclamation was presented to him, with applause from the Council and the audience.
- Mayor Slater commented that the "new superhighway" on *Old Winter Beach Road* is now open, and we believe that it will resolve the former flooding and mosquito problems. The landscaping will be completed soon, the speed limit signs will be replaced. Mayor Slater also expressed his thanks to Indian River County for their assistance with the project, and reiterated that they have been extremely cooperative and helpful.
- Mayor Slater reported that there has been communication from residents about unleashed *dogs on the beach*. Chief Rosell stated that no one has been arrested or cited, and traditionally there is not an issue with dogs in the off-season. The Council is considering updating the ordinance regarding unleashed dogs on the beach in such a way that unleashed dogs would be allowed for a couple of hours each day. Town Manager Griffin and Chief Rosell will do research and get back to the Council regarding the possible ordinance update.
- Vice Mayor Auwaerter stated that IRC is reducing their reuse water rates from 67 cents to 21 cents and noted that the Water Franchise Agreement with COVB states that the City is supposed to match County rates. The City seems reluctant to reduce the Town's rates accordingly because the Town uses pressurized reuse water as opposed to the County's non-pressurized reuse water. Town Manager Griffin reported that he and Town Attorney Clem have a meeting scheduled with COVB Utilities regarding an issue with yellow water in John's Island, at which he intends to discuss the rate issue as well.
- Councilmember Foley proposed a penalty amount increase for parking violations and requested that the Town Manager and

Chief review the parking fee structure and what the violation should be according to other communities.

- Town Manager Griffin mentioned that he had contact with FDOT about the crosswalk at Fred Tuerk Drive and A1A. The COVB has completed their repairs, and the project is expected to be completed sometime this summer.

Sea Turtle Season Information

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