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Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

Thank you for reading!

- First, in case you haven't heard, **today starts hurricane season**. [The website](#) has a link to the Hurricane Preparation Guide published by Hometown News and many helpful resources. Here's an article from May 25 that was published by the Press Journal: tcpalm.com: <http://www.tcpalm.com/story/money/business/bargainista/2017/05/25/get-ready-for-hurricane-season/335964001/>. I found this portion of that story very interesting :
The Florida Legislature approved a three-day "disaster preparedness" sales tax holiday June 2 through June 4, which Gov. Rick Scott [signed](#) into law May 25. Scott, who had proposed a nine-day disaster preparedness sales tax holiday, [signed off](#) on the shortened tax holiday ... Items that will be tax-free during the [disaster preparedness holiday](#) include: reusable ice packs up to \$10; flashlights and lanterns costing \$20 or less; a gas or diesel fuel tank selling for \$25 or less; batteries, coolers and first-aid kits costing \$30 or less; radios and tarps costing \$50 or less; and generators costing \$750 or less.
- We have an [opening for a citizen to represent the Town](#) on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizen's Advisory Committee (MPO CAC for short)

The Council meeting last Thursday yielded the following, including with the attached photo of and Proclamation presented to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary recognizing Safe Boating Week May 22-26:

- Contracted Grant writer Amy Adams for the **Old Winter Beach Road** project explained in depth the three (3) funding sources the Town is applying for: **\$650,000 legislative** appropriation, **\$394,577 SJRWMD** (St. John's River Water Management District), **\$180,000 IRLC** (Indian River Lagoon Council), and a potential fourth source for up to \$500,000 from the State (DEP/TMDL) based on other level of funding received. These monies would go towards flood control in repairing the road as a hurricane evacuation route for hundreds of residents, latest technology stormwater drainage improvements and lagoon protection.
- Two **ordinances** were approved, # 534 with clerical corrections to the LDC Table with building heights and setbacks and a definition for habitable stories, and # 535 adopting the SJRWMD landscape irrigation enforcement.
- The **8050 Project** on A1A north of John's Island was granted an extension to their permit.
- An agreement for the Public Safety Department to provide **traffic regulation enforcement in River Club** was approved. Also approved was **adding Vertical Bridge, the company that will be managing the logistics of the lease and lease payments related to the cell tower, to the Datapath Land Lease agreement**.
- Approval was granted to contract with **MSW Consultants** to manage the **RFP through implementation process for solid waste contractor** for the residents. The current franchise agreement with Republic Services/Treasure Coast Refuse expires in November.
- Resignation of **Police-Fire Pension Board Member Bill MacDonald** was accepted (with appreciation for his 6 years of service!), and **Sam Carroll** was appointed in his stead. The opening for an alternate in the **Finance Committee** was filled when the Council appointed **Joanne Sardella**.
- **Setback variances (3)** for 401 Silver Moss were approved, as was a request for a step encroachment variance at **267 Island Creek Drive**.
- Plans from the architect for the **Community Center Rebuild** were shown by Committee Chairman **Jerry Weick**, with the Committee instructed to determine the elevation (building design) and then get finalized drawings so construction pricing can be obtained. Plans are to demolish the existing Community Center on May 1, 2018 and have it completed by November elections.

The next **Council meeting** was moved to **June 29**, which will immediately follow the **Budget Workshop at 9 a.m.**

Don't forget to look up to see if you can spot the native orchids blooming! A photo is attached for reference. Also **turtle season** is well underway with many nests already, and **turtle walks** are being led this and next month (flyer attached, on the website & on the bulletin board). Please remember **turtle safety**, and [check this page for identification](#) and other helpful information.

Respectfully yours,