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Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

Thank you for your continued interest in the affairs of the Town. Here are the latest news and reminders:

- Reminder: the Town website has a [page to help you keep up with tropical weather](#) activity.
- Town Hall offices, the Postal Center, and the Public Safety Administration offices are **closed on Labor Day, Monday September 5**. We will resume normal hours on Tuesday, September 6.
- Just a quick reminder that there is **no trash pickup scheduled on Labor Day Monday**. If that is your normal day, you may expect Republic Services to resume their household waste pickup on Thursday.
- **August 30 election results for our County** are posted on the [IRC Supervisor of Elections website \(www.voteindianriver.com\)](#). Remember, some candidates results are multi-county, and will not be reflected on just one website.
- **Upcoming meetings** in September are **1st Budget Public Hearing** (9-9 at 5:01 pm), Planning, Zoning & Variance (**PZV**) **Board** (9-12 at 2 pm), Closed Meeting for Legal Counsel regarding Electric Utility Litigation (9-22 at 1 pm), a **Town Hall Meeting for an Electric Utility Update** (9-22 at 2 pm), Regular **Town Council** Meeting (9-22 at 3:30 pm), and the **Final Budget Public Hearing** (9-22 at 5:01 pm).
- We apologize that the alert sent yesterday had an **incorrect email address for Senator Negron**. It should be negron.joe@flsenate.gov. Also, Governor Scott receives emails through his website only, and we are attempting to find a better email address for him through his Chief of Staff.

At the **Town Council meeting on August 25**, the following major topics were addressed:

- An Ordinance for **commercial parking & offloading** passed its first reading. [Click here](#) to view it in its entirety. Summers especially are a large problem with delivery of construction materials, and this provides for safety. Chief Rosell assured the Council that the Public Safety Department (PSD) maintains a list of the major vehicle haulers, and will notify them of the new regulation upon passage. First time violators will be given a warning with a copy of the ordinance. Its final reading is 9-22. Please feel free to contact Chief Rosell with any questions at (772) 469-5187.
- An Ordinance regulating **political signs** also passed its first reading. Details are [here](#). Since A1A is a State Road and no signs are allowed within the right-of-way (60' from the center line), and the Town maintains 15' utility easement from the edge of open public streets, we do not expect to see many (if any) signs during the 30 days prior to elections. The final reading is at the 9-22 Council meeting.
- A third Ordinance regarding **vacation rentals** drew an extended discussion, as there are many gated communities that have their own regulations regarding rentals. It is becoming a lucrative business to buy homes for the sole purpose of short term (less than 30 day) rental, and this Ordinance was prepared closely following what the County just enacted this summer. Bed tax is one issue this would address and hopefully resolve. The Mayor suggested we have a **Community Workshop** on the topic, and the Ordinance was tabled indefinitely.
- Mayor Barefoot gave an update on the **Electric Utility litigation** with the City. A **shade meeting was requested for 9-22 at 1 pm**, and the **Town Hall meeting** was set for 2 pm.
- A PZV Board update revealed that a **Bermuda Bay community dune crossover was approved** once one more parking space is added.
- The resignation of **John Porta** from the **Finance Committee** was accepted, and the Council approved the Finance Committee Chairman Bob Auwaerter's recommendation to appoint alternate **Bill Cull** to full member status.
- The **5-acre parcel's 5' walkway** was once again discussed, with the Council being unwilling to commit to proceeding with construction of it at this time. The Surf Rider Foundation's spokesperson, Mike Daniel, along with residents Patricia Gundy and Ralph McCrea, spoke in support of it. Town Manager Stabe was directed to

ask the appraiser if carving out this section would impact the land's value, if so how much, and if the placement should be at the north or south edge.

- The **FY 16-17 budget** was confirmed for presentation as a tentative for publication, calculated with **1.7186 mils** rather than the **1.7435 maximum** that was shown on TRIM statements to the residents. The Vice Mayor noted that on a \$1 million home, the tax increase from 1.6786 to 1.7186 impact would be about \$40 per year.
- The **license plate readers** were discussed by Chief Rosell, who is pleased that 2,014 "hits" resulted from preloaded license plate numbers of people wanted in other jurisdictions, which enabled 56 traffic stops. Three stops were helpful to the resident drivers who were unaware that their licenses had been suspended. Please be aware these cameras do not have radar capabilities and are not intended to invade anyone's privacy, but to assist in deterring criminal activities.
- The **cell tower** is progressing, with one carrier having obtained a lease packet and others expressing strong interest. Only the environmental agency is still conducting research.

Respectfully yours,

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