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Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

A brief recap of the important happenings around the Town since our last update on April 19 follows:

- The John's Island Garden Group's second project of **renovation to the landscaping around the anchor and flag pole, and the addition to benches around the Council Chambers** is now complete. This beautiful project and the mature courtyard planting project have garnered many compliments, and represents the quality and character of our Town. Their initiative and donation are very much appreciated!
- Two residents reported that they thought they witnessed **Republic Services mixing recyclables with trash or yard waste**. We heard from IRC Solid Waste Director that "with the County wide switch to Single Stream recycling, Republic Services is utilizing conventional rear-load trucks which look exactly like their yard waste and garbage trucks." Additionally, with the mandate to increase recycling within the County, it is highly unlikely that this would be attempted or allowed.
- The City of Vero Beach invited the Town to participate in the **conflict resolution process** again regarding the electric utility service lawsuit, which was attended on May 12th by the Town Manager and Town Attorney, and mirrored by Vero's counterparts with the addition of their outsider counsel and observed by our Vice Mayor. The Town Attorney and Town Manager listened to the City's position and briefly presented the Town's position, and will report to Town Council at the upcoming meeting.
- Attention **HOA's: are you interested in offering Blue Tubes (<http://www.bluetubebeach.org/>) at your crossover?** Take your plastic grocery bags (*without holes!*) there as needed, and use a plastic grocery bag when you go to the beach to pick up after your dog, yourself, or litterbugs!
- The Town participated in the **Great American Cleanup** on April 23rd in order to gain needed points for the NPDES (Nationwide Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) program. In total, **4 residents** and three non-residents participated, gathering between 100-200 lbs. of trash from our beaches! We hope for more participation in this annual event and the **September Coastal Cleanup** events.
- The **RFPs for audit services** were opened today, with responses received from 3 of the 4 firms that were identified as potential providers. The Finance Committee, serving as the Audit Committee, will review these proposals on May 24th at 9 a.m.

And at the **April 22 Council Meeting**, the major actions or topics discussed were:

- **Cell Tower Research Findings** - a packed Council Chambers with approximately 55 residents heard a two hour presentation and discussion, which resulted in **the approval of using the Town Hall site for a monopine, or 115' tall pine tree camouflaged tower**. It will have full branches that extend into the tree line, and try to be placed inside the tree line so the trunk will not even be visible. The Town will work with Bermuda Bay residents as closely as possible on siting the tower. Extensive research has been done into all possible sites, with all other possibilities leaving coverage gaps that required the use of more equipment on other nearby towers, which the Town has no control over.
- **5-Acre Property** – The Town Council petitioned themselves for approval to annex the Eastern portion of the 5-acre tract between Pebble Beach Villas and Surf Lane, which was not included in the annexation in 1993 per the County's direction at the time. Then **Ordinance 526** to annex the 2.25 acres had its **first reading**, which passed 5-0. The ad with a map appeared in the paper on May 11 and 18th, and has been posted on the bulletin board and website since late April. It will be on the agenda for second and final reading on May 25. In addition, a survey was ordered to resolve a small conflict on the actual amount of land based on the County's GIS versus the Property Appraiser's office.
- An **Optional Buyout for Retired Employees' Currently Receiving their Defined Benefit (DB) Pension Plan Benefit** was discussed, with the decision to bring back a specific proposal at the next meeting.
- **Pension Plan Management for the General Employees DB Pension Plan** was also discussed, with a determination to have staff further explore alternative service available, such as a mutual fund manager.
- **OPEB Trust Fund being moved from the Florida League of Cities** to somewhere with lower costs was discussed, with direction to staff to find out what it takes to do this.
- The Town was invited to participate in the **Conflict Resolution Process with the City of Vero Beach** again, with the Town Manager and Town Attorney meeting with the City on May 12th.
- The **PZV Board** brought a request to **consider approval of Site Plan Modifications to the John's Island Golf Clubhouse** to the Council for approval, which passed unanimously.

The agenda will be sent out this Friday for **next Wednesday's** Council meeting. Please don't forget to review our [Turtle](#) (*under Amenities*) and [Hurricane](#) (*under Residents – Safety Alerts*) pages on the website!

Very truly yours,

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