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Dear Residents and Interested Parties,

There are some things you need to be aware of and others that may just be interesting to you below.

- The Brevard Zoo has a turtle that is ready to be released to the ocean, which will be **done tomorrow, Wednesday August 15 at 5:30 pm** at *Treasure Shores Park (north of Golden Sands, north of 510)*. This is free and anyone is welcome to join. The event may last 30-45 minutes in total.
- **August 28 PRIMARY** Elections [sample ballots are available here](#) and have been mailed to registered voters. Remember, Indian River Shores' residents will be voting at Christ by the Sea on the west side of A1A just south of Town. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of **vote by mail ballot**. **Requests for this ballot** must be made by **5 pm on August 22**. **Early voting** is only available at 3 places: Supervisor of Elections office (4375 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue), the Main Public Library (1600 21<sup>st</sup> Street) and Sebastian City Hall Council Chambers **August 18-25, 8 am-4 pm**.
- Some have asked if **election signs** are allowed in the Town, which was addressed in a 2016 Ordinance. **One square foot** with a maximum height of 12" is allowed, and may be **placed in a window** not to cover more than 20% of the total area of each window. They must be on **private property with consent** of the owner or lawful occupant, at **least 2'** from public rights-of-way and **at least 15'** from rear and side property lines. **One sign per candidate** and one per each side of an issue. They may not be posted earlier than 30 days prior to election and removed within 7 days following the election. Violations will incur a fine of \$25/per occurrence.
- There will be **13 constitutional amendments** on the General Election ballot in November, [posted here on the IRC Supervisor of Elections website](#). You are encouraged to [vote by mail](#) to avoid a potentially long wait as people decide on these and other items on the ballot.
- The **Town of Indian River Shores** has two seats that will be determined in November. Residents who are interested in this voluntary (unpaid) position as an elected official who have lived here for at least one year are welcome to submit their Candidate information during **qualifying period between noon Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and noon on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Willingness to attend 14-25 meetings per year and to represent the Town on other boards/committees is required.
- FPL Rebate from Hurricane Matthew settlement with the State PSC, refunding approximately \$28 million plus interest to customers, which will be reflected as a one-time credit in your August 2018 bill. The majority of business customers will see a one-time credit of 1 to 3 percent depending on usage, and typical business customer bills will continue to be among the lowest in the state and nation. Typical 1,000 kWh residential customers will see a credit of about \$3.
- An RFP was issued for **recycling services**, and will be awarded for contract beginning November 1. **Some changes to expect: no more 18-gallon bins, but a rolling cart system will be used with a 2-cart maximum for single family homes. Anything that doesn't fit inside the cart will incur an extra fee (amount TBD). Cardboard boxes will likely fit inside, but may need to be cut or flattened first.**
- **All Aboard Florida** (aka the train issue) is not over. I have received permission to share John's Island resident Nick Schaus' email address, as he is on the board of CARE (Citizen's Against Railroad Expansion) Florida. Occasionally a resident contacts me and really wants to know where the County is standing on the issue. You are welcome to contact him for updates at [nschaus@aol.com](mailto:nschaus@aol.com)
- The **Council Chambers had a technology upgrade** in July, with 2 new wall monitors and 8 desktop monitors available to be used when a power point presentation is given. A new sound system was installed, replacing the vintage 1990's equipment. Wireless microphones and updated software completed the project.

Council meets again next week, so there will be another alert Monday with the agenda. Until then, I remain

Respectfully yours,