

# Peak of Hurricane Season is Mid-August to Late October- pay attention to the weather and have a plan!

#### **Town Initiatives- Snapshot**

**Code Enforcement-** The Town is currently focusing on short-term vacation rentals and turtle regulation enforcement. In July, as part of our new citation process, we issued 28 citations for violation of the short term vacation rental code. Generally if you are in a residential zoned district it is illegal to lease your property for less than 30 days.

**Colony Demo**- Underway! Due to the number of buildings and extent of the property the demo work is expected to occur over 4 months. The contractor is required to secure the site daily.

**Sea Level Rise-** The Town is conducting an assessment of vulnerabilities to sea level rise. The assessment will look at fact-based projections and the Town's existing infrastructure. It will also consider current efforts including the recent update to the seawall regulations and the installation of new valves to help restrict bay waters from entering the storm water system during unusually high tides. A public informational meeting is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign Code-** The new code was adopted on July 9<sup>th</sup> and goes into effect in January of 2019. Temporary signs are now limited to no more than two per property. One sign no larger than 1 sq. ft. for a period to not exceed 6 months and 1 sign no larger than 3 sq. ft. with a 1 square foot information strip to only be displayed while the property is being offered for sale, rent or lease.

### Capital Project Highlight

**Undergrounding-** The Town is in the process of selecting the underground contractor and actively soliciting for partners for the fiber and smart street lighting portion of the project. The Commission is expected to discuss street lighting locations and type of fixtures in October. Construction is expected to start by the end of the calendar year and take approx. 3 years.

## **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

August 13, 2018	10am Town Hall, Code Enforcement Meeting
August 21, 2018	9am Town Hall, Planning & Zoning Board Meeting (Zoning Code Update on Agenda)
August 27, 2018	1:30pm at Town Hall, Sea Level Rise Assessment Public Input Meeting
August 30, 2018	1pm at Town Hall, Coyote Public Workshop presented by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

#### **Fast Fact**

Approximately 1/3 of the Town's Population lives in Manatee County