



Fall is here- at least on the calendar. Still one more month of Turtle Season and two months of Hurricane Season left so don't let your guard down!

Town Initiatives- Snapshot

Undergrounding. One thing we have learned is our contractor will unexpectedly hit “stuff” under the ground. Unfortunately it appears marking of existing utility lines can still be a bit of an art versus a science and not everything is where they say it is. Regardless, the Town takes it very seriously and is working with the contractor to minimize impact and expedite services in the event there is a line break (cable, water, sewer, gas). Crews are currently working in the Phase 2 area along GMD and on Broadway in the Village. The Commission approved a decorative neighborhood light fixture at their September workshop. Our next public update is on October 15th at the Regular Commission Workshop.

Outdoor Venue/Town Center. Yeah! We received the Water Management District permit for the initial site work at the former Amore Restaurant site. We will be finalizing the construction document and bidding the work over the next several months. We are working with the Chamber of Commerce for events on the property this season. They are planning a holiday tree lighting in late November and a concert series in January, February, and March. The Commission discussed combining both the Rec Center and Cultural Center into the Town Center site. They have requested that we seek public input/feedback this season for additional outdoor venue improvements as well as current concepts for the Community/Culture Center.

Beach Management Plan. The Town's coastal engineer will be presenting the 2019 Beach Management Plan to the Commission at their October 1st Meeting. This includes a discussion on planned beach projects over the next 5-8 years. At the October 15th Commission Meeting the Commission will discuss funding strategies for the project and the next public referendum to support the Beach District's millage rate.

Whitney's (former Gas Station). Work continues on the new restaurant at Broadway and GMD. They have requested approval of an additional 28 seats (outdoor seating) and have reached a parking agreement with the former bank building property next door. Their request is under review.

Pickleball. The Town Commission directed the staff to focus on Bayfront Park for the expansion of Pickleball while still maintaining Tennis within the Park. They asked that we look at the entire Park and consider moving other functions around to accommodate the expansion. We are looking at several options to accommodate additional pickleball courts within the Park and will be reporting back to the Commission on October 15th.

MarVista Parking. Representatives from the MarVista Restaurant has notified the Town that they will be submitting plans in October to develop the vacant parcel just north of the Whitney Plaza into additional parking. They have indicated that the plans will include a small office and up to 100 spaces.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

October 1, 2019	1pm, Town Hall, Town Commission Regular Meeting
October 14, 2019	10am, Town Hall, Code Enforcement (Special Magistrate)
October 15, 2019	9am, Town Hall, Planning & Zoning Board 1pm, Town Hall, Town Commission Workshop
October 17, 2019	9:30am, Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting
October 23, 2019	9am- Noon, Town Hall, Free Shredding Event

Fast Fact

“3 feet is the minimum depth of the new electrical lines buried along Gulf of Mexico Drive”