



***Summer is here! - It's hot and we are entering rainy season.  
Be careful in the heat and pay attention to the weather.***

### **Town Initiatives- Snapshot**

**Commission Recess.** The Town Commission's final meeting before the summer recess was on July 1st. Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be on September 9th.

**Parking.** The Commission adopted new language in the Parking Section of the Town Code that eliminates waivers from the required parking requirements.

**Legislative Update.** At their July 1st Regular Meeting the Commission adopted their legislative priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session. Those priorities include Sea Level Rise, Water Quality (Red Tide), Transportation Improvements, and Home Rule. The Town Manager and Mayor will present those priorities to the Sarasota County and Manatee County Legislative Delegations in September and October.

**Fire Stations.** The Commission reviewed the plans for the replacement South Fire Station and the renovation of the North Fire Station at their July 1st Meeting. Both Stations in the design phase and construction is expected to start in early 2020.

**Former Gas Station at Broadway.** Construction continues at the former gas station at Gulf of Mexico Drive and Broadway on the North end of the island. The former fuel tanks have been removed from the site and work on the exterior of the building continues. The existing structure will be renovated into a fast-casual restaurant.

**Shore Restaurant.** The Shore Restaurant construction is nearly complete. They have rescinded their request for a vacation of the Town Right of Way on Broadway. Still anticipating a July opening.

**Buccaneer Restaurant.** The developer of the new restaurant planned on the former Pattigeorge Restaurant site had a preliminary meeting with the planning staff on July 1st to review their plans to construction a new waterfront restaurant. They are still finalizing their plans but had indicated they would like to be under construction early in 2020.

**Pickleball.** The Town Commission directed the staff to convert the existing tennis courts at Bayfront Park to Pickleball Courts and to look at the site adjacent to the Library for the potential addition of two hard court tennis courts. The staff will be evaluating and pricing the changes and will update the Commission in September.

**Undergrounding.** The Town held an open house on July 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the kick-off of the Utilities Undergrounding Project. Florida Power & Light will be delivering material to the Town's staging area the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> with construction scheduled to start on Gulf of Mexico Drive on the South end by mid-July. Information sheets are available at Town Hall regarding both the undergrounding and the technology components of the project.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Freedom Fest Parade & Festivities 9:00 am, Bay Isles Road & Bicentennial Park**

### **Fast Fact**

***All four of the largest storms to hit the U.S. were only tropical storms three days out- listen to your emergency management officials***