



May 1st Is The Start Of Turtle Season- “flip the switch”

Town Initiatives- Snapshot

Town Priorities. The Commission met on April 26th to review input from the April 15th Goals & Objectives Workshop and discuss current Town Initiatives. They prioritized the goals for next year. The seven top priorities were: 1. Undergrounding Project, 2. Outdoor Venue in Town Center. 3. Barrier Island Traffic Study. 4. Update of the Beach Management Plan. 5. North End Groins Project. 6. Develop long term funding for beach projects. 7. Sea Level Rise planning.

Mid-year Budget Review. The Town’s fiscal year is October through September. We provide an update to the Commission after the 6th month mark discussing our financial status (revenues and expenditures) and highlighting our accomplishments during that period. The mid-year update is scheduled for the Commission’s May 6, Regular Meeting.

Undergrounding. The Radio Frequency (RF) study is underway. It will measure coverage necessary in the Town to support increased wireless and cell coverage. This information will be used to determine the number of poles necessary. After the RF study the staff will be seeking direction from the Commission on pole heights. This is expected to occur at the Commission’s next Workshop on May 20th.

Village Parking Issues. Staff has been working with business owners and area residents to address concerns about on-street parking and valet services operating within the Village. The Town Commission will consider a series of ordinance changes at their May 6th Regular Meeting. The changes relate to a reduced speed limit on Broadway, additional parking restrictions on the public roads within the Village, Town wide prohibition of parking between 11pm and 5am, and restricting valet parking to private spaces.

Town Center Outdoor Venue. Ringling College has notified the Town that they do not want to pursue the Arts, Culture, & Education Center project at this time. The Town continues to move forward with development of the Outdoor Venue project. The Amore Restaurant demolition is complete. We are permitting some general improvements to the site to facilitate its use as an outdoor venue while additional planning and public engagement occurs to help identify additional improvements for the site.

17th Annual Disaster Preparedness Seminar. Each year the Chamber of Commerce and the Town partner to host a seminar at the beginning of Hurricane Season. This year’s event is on Thursday, May 30th from 3:15- 6pm at the Harbourside Ballroom. The guest speaker is the Bay County Emergency Manager who will be sharing his experiences during Hurricane Michael.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

May 6, 2019	1pm Town Commission Regular Meeting, Town Hall
May 13, 2019	10am Code Enforcement Board Meeting, Town Hall
May 20, 2019	9am Town Commission Budget Workshop, Town Hall 1pm Town Commission Regular Meeting, Town Hall
May 21, 2019	9am Planning & Zoning Board Meeting, Town Hall
May 30, 2019	3:15pm Disaster Preparedness Seminar, Harbourside Ballroom

Fast Fact

During the 2018 Turtle Season there were 56 Code Enforcement cases for noncompliance with lighting restrictions