

January 2019 Town Update

Hello Palm Beach Shores,

Why is Bill Frank wearing that serious expression and boxing gloves? The answer is later in the email, keep reading.

Municipal Election

The Town will not be having an election for the Commission in March. I know I told you that Gil Gilgallon and Roby DeReuil were up for re-election but in reality, the seats held by Bob Stanton and Roby were open. They were the only two candidates to qualify for the two seats so no election is necessary. Thank you to Bob and Roby for agreeing to continue your valuable volunteer service to our Town. And thank you to Mary and Maura for your valuable volunteer service as well. 😊

Starting in March, there will be at least one open seat on the Planning & Zoning Board so we are looking for residents who could serve the Town on this important Board. If you are interested, we recommend that you start attending the P&Z meetings so you can get an idea of the process.

Underground Utility Project Update

Please join our contractor, Viking Utility, for a photo commemorating the start of the underground utility project. They have polished up one of their big drilling rigs and will be parking it in front of Town Hall for the photo. Everyone is welcome on Monday, January 14 at 9:30am. Bring your hard hats, shovels and big smiles!

As many of you know first-hand, Viking Utility has started marking out the locations of the transformers and switch boxes. The work will begin on Atlantic Avenue for the main transmission line and on Linda & Bravado for the first connections. Inlet Way and Lake Drive will follow shortly after that.

Water Main Replacement

Remember when I told you that 2019 was the year that we would all need to keep our sense of humor? Alongside the underground utility project, Riviera Beach is working with us to finalize their plans to replace the Town's water mains along Lake Drive and Inlet Way. Ocean Avenue has already been updated so this will complete the outer ring of the Town.

You may see them taking samples and marking our storm and sanitary sewers systems over the next few weeks. We expect the work to start this spring and last through the summer. They hope to be able to keep at least one lane open while they work but there will be some unavoidable closures. We will give you as much notice as they give us.

Sewer Fees

There are still some folks who haven't paid their sewer assessment for 2018. Please check with Town Hall if you're not sure. The new bills will be going out in April so let's get these cleaned up before then, please.

Sad News

Our Police Officer, Rich Sheehy, died tragically and unexpectedly over New Years. He was a valued member of our Town family and his loss is felt deeply. Chief Langevin and Officer Novella are arranging a remembrance event for Rich on Friday, January 18 at 1PM at the gazebo on the parkway near the police station. The Sailfish Marina is generously donating some food for the event. Our residents are welcome to join our Police Officers to remember Rich as a person and for his contribution to the safety of our Town.

Commission Meeting Preview

Remember that the January Commission meeting is on January 28. As of now, on the agenda will be:

- the second and final reading of the dock code,
- a proposed ordinance to control blighted properties and
- approval of the donation by the Seasiders of a wheelchair designed to improve access to the beach.

POA Community Meeting/Mayor's Annual State of the Town Speech

Please join me on Monday, January 14 at the Community Center for a review of the accomplishments, priorities and challenges facing the Town. Refreshments start at 6:30 pm with the program following at 7:00 pm. In addition, the 2019 POA membership directories will be distributed that evening.

Active Shooter Presentation

Our Police will be giving a one-hour presentation on how to protect yourself during an active shooter event. Everyone is welcome. Saturday, January 26 at 10:00 AM in the Town Hall.

Boxing Classes

Let Bill Frank help you work off some of those pancakes from Saturday's Pancake Breakfast at the POA's new boxing class. Bill is a certified boxing coach with the United States Amateur Boxing Association. Classes started on January 9 and will continue on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Community Center. Wear tennis shoes and bring a yoga mat or beach towel. If you have boxing gloves, bring them. The classes are open to POA members of all ages, genders and fitness levels.

Mark Your Calendars

Rotary/POA Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Jan 12. 8:00-11:30AM.

Pancakes, sausages, fruit, coffee, juice, hot chocolate. \$10

Underground Utility Project Commemorative Town Photo

Monday, Jan 14. 9:30 AM. Town Hall

POA/State of the Town & 2019 Membership Directory Distribution

Monday, Jan 14, 7:00 PM Community Center

Code Magistrate (if necessary)
Wednesday, Jan 16, 2PM, Town Hall

St Patrick's Parade Committee
Thursday, Jan 17, 2:30 PM, Town Hall

Officer Rich Sheehy Remembrance
Friday, Jan 18. 1:00 PM, Parkway gazebo

Martin Luther King Jr Holiday: Town Hall Closed
Monday, Jan 21

Planning & Zoning Board
Tuesday, Jan 22, 6:30 PM. Town Hall

February DRC Submissions Due
Wednesday, Jan 23, noon

Active Shooter Presentation
Saturday, Jan 26, 10:00 AM, Town Hall

POA Chowder Taste
Saturday, Jan 26, 6:00 PM, Community Center

January Commission Meeting
Monday, Jan 28, 6:00 PM, Town Hall

Development Review Committee (DRC)
Wednesday, Feb 6, 2:00 PM, Town Hall

Seasiders Bazaar
Friday and Saturday, Feb 15 & 16. 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Community Center

That's the news this month. See you on the Parkway!

Your Mayor, Myra