

Our Town

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Mayor's Note



Mayor Drew Laughlin

I want to bring you up to speed on Town Council's progress regarding some of our adopted priorities for the year. We've had a busy 1st quarter.

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2013 Policy Agenda Top Priority	
Target	Updates
Economic Development Organization: Creation and Operation	Town Council Approved Board Screening Process on April 2nd. Board Member Application period ended April 19th. Council considered organization Bylaws April 23rd.
Coligny Area Development Projects: Direction and Funding	Design Consultants have been interviewed. Town staff to negotiate contract with selected firm and target an early May contract execution.
Arts Collaboration: Framework and Strategy for Fostering Collaboration among Arts Organizations	Request for Proposal has been sent to various arts consultants; Pre-Proposal meeting held April 8th. Responses were due April 24, 2013.
Chaplin Linear Park and Boardwalk: Development and Permitting	Staff is negotiating a professional services contract with top-ranked design firm.
2013 Policy Agenda High Priority	
Land Management Ordinance (LMO) Modifications	The LMO committee has been meeting bi-monthly to provide input to the consultants on issues such as specific use conditions, allowed activities in the Transition Area of the Critical Storm Protection & Dune Accretion Area & Transition Area Overlay District and edge conditions. The committee will begin reviewing the drafts of Chapters 3 and 4 (Zoning and Specific Conditions).
Education Strategy: Identification of Needs and Direction	Working and meeting with Know2 committee and designing Town effort.
2013 Management Agenda	
Reassessment and Tax Rate Limitations: Direction and Public Information	Town Manager and Finance Director met with County in March. Expect 1st reassessment assessment figures from County in early April. Will incorporate information into FY14 budget and provide public information.
Shelter Cove Area Public Projects: Construction	Park kick-off meeting was held April 9th to start planning for the development and construction of the relocated Shelter Cove Community Park.
Posting of Quarterly Financial Reports Online: Purpose, Method, and Funding	Quarterly financial statements for December are online for all funds. Monthly dashboards for General Fund began to be online starting with January 2013.
Beach Renourishment (2015): Scoping, Designing and Permitting	Coastal Engineering Consultant Services Task Orders have been authorized for multi-beam hydrographic surveying of a portion of Calibogue Sound and surrounds, borrow site development including seismic survey, collection of vibracores and laboratory analysis. Contingency planning continues with respect to the Ocean Pointe erosional hot spot. Formulation of a permit application to pursue a truck haul project has been authorized.
Old Welcome Center Building: Direction	Town Council voted to demolish the building and beautify the site.

Town Manager's Note



Steve Riley

Our Capital Improvement Program, as usual, is rolling along and here is a snapshot of some recent activity:

Project	Updates
Leg O' Mutton Road Pathway	Substantially complete.
William Hilton Parkway – Wexford Drive to Fresh Market Shoppes Pathway	Under Construction – target completion date May 1, 2013.
Fire Station #6	Solicitation for construction released. Bids due May 3, 2013.
Mathews Drive Side Street Improvements	Final plans being developed; target bid date June 1, 2013.
Marshland Road / Mathews Drive Roundabout	Final plans being developed; target bid date June 1, 2013.
William Hilton Parkway / Leamington Intersection Improvements	Plans complete, permits in hand, land acquisition/legal tasks to be completed. Bid date expected in spring 2013; however, construction is recommended to commence in fall 2013.
Rowing and Sailing Center	In design; negotiating with stakeholders, construction planned to start in fall 2013.
Island Recreation Center Improvements – Phase 1	In design; target bid window spring 2013.
Hospital Center Blvd./ Main St. Intersection Improvements	Under contract; target completion date June 15, 2013.
Pedestrian Crosswalks (3 locations) and William Hilton Parkway (U.S. 278) left turn lane at Circle K (Yacht Cove Drive area)	Under contract; target completion date June 15, 2013.
Welcome Center demolition	Bids received April 18, 2013. Under staff review.

