

MANAGERS UPDATE

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BUDGET PROCESS: All changes have been made to the FY '25 budget, and Diane will have numerous Resolutions to be approved by the Board. We will use the next issue of The Breeze to inform residents about the budget. The final assessment is \$319.85, Village One \$140.43. Please see Diane prior to the meeting if you have any questions to be resolved.

UTILITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Distributed at the August meeting, this will require approval with a Resolution that is attached to the Board Packet.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK, PERSONNEL POLICIES: A copy is attached with some minor verbiage changes. After Board direction, sick day policy added a section making oversight and enforcement of the policies a Board mandate to the Manager and Deputy Manager. Cell phone usage was already in the handbook; that was another issue raised by the Board. Increasing enforcement authority should curtail the issues we have discussed over the last several meetings. A Resolution is attached. If you want a hard copy, request it from Diane.

2025 WATER CONTROL PLAN: Gene and I are working on the plan, and we are on schedule.

FALL FESTIVAL: Phil will have an update at the meeting. To date we have 108 vendors, 8 food trucks, 5 exhibitors, and 4 in the Farmers market.

WATER CONNECTION UPDATE:

2020 1,547 connections

2021 1,595

2022 1,663

2023 1,714

2024 1,777 thru August (APEX and Apartments pending, 202)

ECO WATER: If you have not already done so, please make plans with Israel to tour the unit. An excellent video is available at www.ecoworldwater.com Scroll all the way down to the middle of the home page until you get to the title,
PLAY THE VIDEO BELOW TO WATCH THE MAGIC BEHIND THE ECO SYSTEM

RESOLUTION REVIEW: After having a discussion with a Supervisor about the Fishing Resolution that was developed in 2016, and whether it needed to be updated, I have been asked to review all the past Resolutions. The review will be of those Resolutions that affect operations and policy, and not the typical financial Resolutions, SRF, Inter-Locals, etc. I will keep everyone updated.

LANDOWNER ELECTION: Seat #1, currently held by Kay Gorham, is up for election at the November 13 Landowners meeting. Proxies are available at the office.

COUNTY BUDGET: A \$50,000 allocation to Spring Lake and Sun 'n Lake has been included in the County budget to help offset maintenance costs for our Parks, since residents from all over the County use our facilities. We are still waiting on a revised inter-local for the mowing of the County medians and right of ways. We receive \$4,300 per year based on a contract signed in 1993. The County has not been providing the kind of "door swings both ways" cooperation the last several years as they have in the past, so it is time to get more funding. Our costs approach \$100,000 per year, and we have asked for \$52,000. Once we get a final figure the Board can decide whether to accept it or turn the responsibility back to the County!!

CATALYST DESIGN/HALE INNOVATION: On September 20 we will be meeting here to discuss the future funding and designs for our Parks Master Plan, as well as setting the stage for projects that will come out of the Water Control Plan. The goal is to have a plan in place so we can move quickly when funding options present themselves. The September issue of The Breeze will contain the complete Parks Master Plan

WEBSITE ACTIVITY: For three months in a row, we have had over 17,000 page views, which is extremely good.

FY'25 PROJECTS: Staff will begin to put together the special projects that are not part of daily operations. As always, please point out anything you feel needs to be addressed so it can be included on the list. With the FRDAP and RPAC grants for the parks projects, a lot of time will be taken up with those items, and they will be carried over from the FY '14 list. The latest project update is part of the Board Packet.