

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE
30 October 2024

In an effort to better communicate with our community, I will begin sending weekly "Manager's Updates" to those residents who have provided their contact information through the town website. Updates will be sent on Thursday of each week. For more frequent updates please subscribe to the towns Facebook page and visit the Town website.

This weeks update focuses on *Municipal Admin, Transfer Station, and Select Board Summary.*

Municipal Admin:

- **NEW Town Website:** As part of a contract renewal the [Town's Website](#) received a much needed facelift. Some major updates include a Front Page Municipal Calendar, updated Notice Section, Enhanced Menu Drop downs, and so much more.
- **Halloween Event:** The recreation department will be hosting their annual [Halloween Party](#) Thursday October 31st from 4-6PM on the Village Green. Activities will include: Costume Contest, Kids Pumpkin Patch, Treat Bags and so much more. The weather is shaping up to be beautiful so come on down and celebrate the "Spooky Season".
- **Voting:** Next **Tuesday, November 5th** is your opportunity to cast your vote in Local, State, and Federal Elections. To date 764 Absentee Ballots have been requested with 578 being returned. The Naples Polling station is at the Town Office, polls will be open from 8am - 8pm on election day. To view sample ballots and supporting information for local referendum items please visit the [Town website](#) "Voting/Elections" page.
- **Campaign Signs:** I love seeing all of the campaign sign around town. There are some general rules regarding signs and sign placement that I would like to share. The Town's [sign ordinance](#) limits the size of temporary signs while [state law](#) has additional guidelines regarding the placement of signs within a public way.
- **HOLIDAY CLOSURE:** Town offices will be **closed November 28th and 29th** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Transfer Station:

- **Municipal Waste Area:** Major work is complete at the Municipal Waste section of the Transfer Station. Striping of the new pavement will be accomplished this week. A brief video has been created to describe the [new traffic pattern](#) at the facility. More frequent updates can be found on line [Casco/Naples Transfer & Bulky Waste Station](#)
- **Bulky Waste:** The Bulky Waste station will be **closed from 28 Oct - 10 January** for renovations. Recent conversations with the Contractor indicate that he and his team will make every effort to complete the work ahead of schedule. During this time, residents are encourage to hold bulky waste items at their home or if necessary residents can use the PineTree facility located on Songo School Rd. Use of this facility is "Pay as you Go" and coupons will

NOT be accepted. When the facility upgrades are complete there will be a new digital scanning system that will replace coupon books. In coming reports I will provide details on how the system will work and how residents can obtain their digital tags.

Select Board Summary:

- **Facility Use:** During Monday night's select board meeting the topic of Facility Use fees was addressed by board members and residents of our community. The Town Policy governing Facility use does not allow Town employees to exercise discretion with regard to waiving fees. Individuals and groups do have the opportunity to request a waiver of these fees by appealing to the select board. We are updating Policy the Facility Use application forms to make this process more clear.
- **Budget:** The FY26 Budget process will begin in early January and conclude in early March. The proposed budget will be voted on in May 2025 during town meeting. Exact dates and times of these meetings will be published on the [Municipal Calendar](#) at the bottom of the Town's Website. All meetings are open to the public and are televised on LRTV. If you can't watch the meetings live you can watch a recording of the meeting on the [LRTV website](#) the next day.

BRAVO ZULU (Navy term meaning "Well Done!"): I want to take a moment to thank the team in our Clerk's office. Michelle, Jessie, Kayli, and Jami have been doing a superb job this past week. Along with processing semi-annual tax payments, issuing & accepting absentee ballots, and providing voter information, they consistently deliver exceptional customer service to everyone who visits their counter.