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From the Mayor's Desk

Apple has this feature where they scan the photos on my I-phone and create mini albums for me. Scary, I know. Anyway, this album Apple created called "Snow Days" keeps showing up. It consists of pictures I took while visiting my daughter in Reno, NV. mixed in with pictures I snapped in December of 2017 when it snowed in Surfside. We could use a little of that cooler weather about now. Maybe without the snow.

Work is progressing on the city hall building. You can already feel the change in the level of the building. The front door wouldn't close because the frame was level, but the door wasn't. Once the work is completed, we will install an elevator so that everyone has access to the museum on the top floor as well as the main floor. The steps made it inaccessible to many.

Toby and his crew built and installed the life jacket stands you see at each entrance. Chief Hester headed up a drive to have the life jackets donated. They are available to everyone. Pick one up when you enter and return when you leave. I am proud of our beach crew and our first responders. There was a great piece in the evening news starring Chief Hester. He explained to the reporter how the ocean can be a dangerous place and how the ultimate goal is saving lives, no more drownings in Surfside.

David, our Tourism Director, is continuing to work on an event scheduled for September to be held at the new stage by the fort. It will be similar to the previous event in May that was an immense success. We love these events that showcase our history and bring visitors to our island.

I want to thank Lt. Kelly Marsh for stepping up to take the position of Emergency Management Director. Even though Bertha turned out to be a "nothing burger," his team was well prepared for any outcome. Rather than spending time posting weather reports which you get from a variety of other sources, he was meeting with his team and preparing for the worst. Thank you, Lt. Marsh.

School starts next week, so watch those school zones when you are off the island. Be careful in the heat, go to the beach and take a dip in the water to cool off. While you are there, breathe in the sea air and enjoy our little piece of paradise.

"Though she be but little, she is fierce."

Mayor Marsha