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From the Mayor's Desk



WHEN YOU ARE AT YOUR BEST.
WHEN YOU CAN'T FAIL.
WHEN THE STARS ALIGN.
WHEN YOUR TEAM WINS.
WHEN EVERYTHING IS CLEAR.
WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT.
WHEN YOUR BACK IS AGAINST THE WALL.
WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT COULDN'T BE DONE.
THAT'S WHEN YOU SHINE.

I am inspired to shine. I hope you are too.

A few items happening around our village:

Lynn Engineering has received bids on the resurfacing of Shark Lane and is recommending we approve Matula and Matula Construction at Council meeting. After approval an NTP (Notice to Proceed) will be issued. Looks like paving will begin soon thereafter.

We are going to approve one new member for the Tourism Committee and one new member for the Historical Committee at Council meeting. I encourage you to volunteer for the Tourism Committee or the Historical Committee. They need new members and it's a fun way to learn about our history and participate in the activities that bring visitors to our island.

Speaking of the Historical Committee, they have been working with Clear Channel Communications to have billboards placed in a four-state area at a minimal cost of \$10,000 for printing only. This was achieved by utilizing the tax exemption of the separate Old Fort Velasco Historical Association (501C3) working with our village Historical Committee and Clear Channel's ability to make public service announcements for free. When Clear Channel has unsold billboards, they can utilize them for this purpose. Our only cost was

printing the banners.

Yesterday I was told that we are going to have another Mobi donated to the village. These are the wheelchairs that allow the handicapped to enjoy the beach and go into the water. They are available to anyone for a refundable deposit when they are returned. We will now have three chairs. See Amber at the front desk in City Hall if you are interested.

Shout out to Amber for the improvements on our village web page. She is a rock star. Thank you for a job well done. We are beginning to look very professional.

No rain means soft sand. There is not much we can do about that, so drive carefully and try not to get stuck.

“Though she be but little, she is fierce.”

Mayor Marsha