



★ **Dear Neighbors,**

★ **May 2021 Quarterly Newsletter**

★ I hope this Quarterly Newsletter finds you healthy and enjoying Spring wherever you are. There has been a lot of activity in Town since February’s Quarterly Newsletter. First, I want to say thank you to those of you who voted in the March election. I appreciate the opportunity to continue serving you. Also, congratulations are in order for **Commissioners Barbara Baldasarre and Vicky Feaman**, who retained their seats as well. Thank you very much for your confidence in us!

★ Besides municipal elections, another Spring indicator is “Kitten Season.” Feral cats play a vital role in controlling vermin on our barrier island. Kittens are typically born in the Spring and Summer. Should you find a litter of kittens, the best course is to allow the mother to care for them until they are about two months old and/or two pounds before bringing the kittens to a shelter to be spayed/neutered and placed in a forever home. Newborn kittens do not need human intervention, and removing them from their mothers is discouraged.

★ Memorial Day traditionally marks the beginning of Summer, however, the holiday was originally created to honor those who have died in the line of duty protecting our Country while serving in the United States Armed Forces. **Commissioner Baldasarre** and members of the **Condominium Property Managers/Board Forum**, which meets monthly to network on common issues, has suggested the Town observe Memorial Day this year by lining both sides of A1A with small flags measuring 12” x 18” and on 30” dowels placed 3’ apart. Flags that fit this description can be purchased at any number of retail outlets, but the most economical price seems to be with the American Legion. If you would like to purchase flags through the American Legion, please contact **Commissioner Baldasarre** by email at bbaldasarre@townofhillsborobeach.com, and she will facilitate things for you. This could be the beginning of a great new tradition for select national holidays.

★ On an unfortunate note, you may have heard about recent litigation filed by an LLC called Hillsboro Inlet Investments. This litigation relates to ownership of submerged land in the Hillsboro Inlet, as well as submerged land off the Coast Guard station and a number of surrounding properties in Pompano Beach. The owner of Hillsboro Inlet Investments has claimed ownership of this submerged land by acquiring titles from dissolved realty companies for land that has not been surveyed for decades. He is demanding homeowners with docks or pools in the affected areas pay him a one-time fee of \$150,000 or remove their docks/pools. I wanted to assure you that **there are no properties in Hillsboro Beach included in this lawsuit**. It is a very complex legal issue, and should Pompano homeowners choose to fight, resolution will likely take a number of years.

★ On a positive note, your **Police Department** has been very hard at work in recent weeks apprehending bad guys and participating in several major seizures of drugs and ill-gotten gains. If you have an opportunity to commend them first-hand, please do so. These men and women put their lives on the line for us every day, and they are doing an amazing job! Special thanks to **Chief Jay Szesnat**, whose leadership has taken the Department to new levels of professionalism.

★ More positive news, in case you are not already aware, the Town was able to pay off the 10-year Beach Assessment loan from the 2011 nourishment a year early. You will no longer see a separate Beach Assessment line item on your property tax bill.

★ Finally, just a reminder – DON’T WAIT, VACCINATE! The State of Florida has done a great job in managing the fallout from COVID-19, and vaccinations are now readily available to all adults.

★ **Sincerely,**

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★ **Deb Tarrant
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