

## MANAGERS UPDATE

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**CFRPC MOU:** The Central Florida Regional Planning Council has offered us the opportunity to join a coalition for Central Florida that was established last year. Me, Kay, and Israel met via Zoom to hear about the coalition, and it is in our best interests to participate, as there are funding opportunities on the horizon that will require participation in the coalition. There is a meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> that we will be attending with approximately 30 other participants, and we will know a lot more about the future funding after the meeting. We will be making a presentation to the group on the development of our STA and the new ECO Water system being field tested for wastewater. The Board is being asked to approve the MOU, which is part of the Board Packet. There is also a description of the January 24 meeting.

**10-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN:** We are still on target for a second meeting in February to view the first draft of the plan.

**WATER PLANT #2 STATUS:** Water treatment plant number two construction is substantially completed. The request form to DEP has been submitted. Startup is anticipated within 30 days. Once certification comes from DEP, equipment vendors will schedule training.

**FIRE STATION:** The County has begun the design process and hopefully we will see some positive movement forward.

**UTILITY UPDATE:** Israel and I will be going to Ocala on January 11<sup>th</sup> to view the final construction of the ECO Water system components for our wastewater plant. We hope to have the system connected within the next month.

**MARCH CYCLING EVENT:** A description of this event is attached to your Board Packet. This is an annual event in Sebring and the organizing group has requested to include our Spring Lake community. The Board will be asked to approve the request, which would be another good marketing program for our District.

**BUDGET PROCESS:** We just completed our first quarter FY '24 budget, and we will now start the process for FY '25. Beginning in 2010, District staff began to make monthly departmental presentations to the Board so that when the first draft of the annual budget was presented in June, it was easier to develop and discuss. A

schedule for these updates is in our financial policies and used each year. Utility operations, plans, and projects start the process at our February meeting.

**MCKENNA REMEMBERED:** Tim was included in the attached article that appeared in the News-Sun. Hard to believe we are coming up to a one year anniversary.

**OLD WWTP:** We have officially closed and received the \$1,000. The land is now owned by the golf course.

**IT'S A FACT:** For the 2023 calendar year, Spring Lake received 52.34 inches of rain