

Mayor's Update – July 20, 2014

As we get deeper into the 2014 Hurricane Season I encourage you to explore the Baldwin County Emergency Management information linked on the Town's website home page. Think about what you'll need to get you through three days after hurricane landfall and other information you may need related to evacuation, supplies and shelters. There are re-entry placards free of charge available at Town Hall. To receive up to two per family bring with you the tag numbers for each vehicle. Information concerning shelters, special needs and pets is listed on the Baldwin County website.

I'd like to share with you that a new outreach effort was initiated a couple of months ago called "Honorary Mayor of the Month". Any resident 13 years or older may place their name in a drawing to be held on the first of each month. When your name is drawn I'll call you and together we'll set a date during that month when you will spend the day with us at Town Hall and we'll work together. The purpose is to promote interest in and knowledge about the town and how town business is conducted. Town elections will be coming up in August of 2016 – it would be great if new candidates were to emerge as a result of this effort.

I shared with you last week that I'd be traveling to D.C. for the last meeting of the Presidential Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. I'm happy to report the weather was beautiful and all flights were on time. Task Force recommendations are being merged and a draft is being developed with a final draft expected later this year. (See the Task Force linked on this page to learn about the objectives of the Task Force).

On Wednesday, the 16th, a portion of our meeting time was spent in the White House where we were joined by President Obama. After initial introductions and press gathering, he spent time hearing from each of the Task Force Members and interacting with us. My remarks were to thank him for appointing the Task Force and for giving local folks the opportunity to have input into the issues of preparedness and resilience. At the end of his reply to me was a greeting to you - "Tell your folks 'Hi' for me". For me, it was a great honor to meet and interact with the President of our Country.

On another note, from time to time you may have interest in knowing what occurred at a certain event or meeting. If that should ever be the case, please know that Town records are public, with very few exceptions. Most appear on the website, but if you have questions or curiosity surrounding events or actions of the Council, Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Adjustment you may visit Town Hall and ask to view or receive a copy of documents of interest. The Town has always met and gone beyond legal requirements related to public records by maintaining a website since the early months after incorporation. I encourage you to learn as much as you can about town business and to become involved in town proceedings.

In closing, thank you for all you do to make Perdido Beach a special and unique place in which to live.

In Your Service, Patsy