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Town Hall Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

## **Town Hall Calendar - February**

- 2/11 Town Council Meeting ~ 6 pm
- 2/19 Planning Board Meeting ~ 6 pm
- 2/20 Vision Committee Mtg ~ 9:30 am
- 2/24 Brush/Limb Pickup
- 2/25 Council Agenda Meeting ~ 9 am



## Message from Mayor Mike Brannon

January 31, 2025

Over the past several weeks the Town has shared important news regarding the 2025 Property Revaluation being led by the Davie County Tax Office. This includes a **presentation** given by the tax office in our December Town Council meeting. When these 2025 values are compared to the 2021 numbers from the last revaluation, Davie County properties have an average increase of 50% and those living in Bermuda Run reflect a 40% average increase.

In early February, the county tax office will be mailing notices to property owners. Given the revised property valuation is used to determine your property taxes, it is important you understand the changes to your property value and contact the **Davie County Tax Office** if you have questions or concerns regarding these new values.

As I shared in our January Town Council Meeting, Community Officer Mike Foster has informed us of his plans seek a new opportunity in his law enforcement career. I know I speak for many of you in how much we will miss his engagement in our community—whether at a celebration event, in casual conversations, or in his efforts to keep all of us safe. His service to our community has been outstanding and we wish him best of luck in his new career. The Town will be working with Sheriff Hartman on a transition plan as we work to fill such an important role for our community.

As many of you who live in Bermuda Run East and West are aware, the Gate

Operations Task Group has been meeting since last May to discuss concerns with gate operations and seek ways to improve the performance of these services. While most people would agree that these services have improved in the past few months, it is important to make these improvements more formal through contract commitments with those who provide these services. So, the Town will be moving forward in the coming weeks to seeks bids for these contracted services.

In addition to the Town seeking bids for the gate attendant services, we are also seeking bids on a "total operations" model that encompasses staffing, facilities and administration linked with gate operations. While we do not yet know who will participate in the bidding process to provide this complete package of services, the timing is right to investigate this option along with the "gate staff only" services model.

To be clear, only those who live (or own property) within the gated communities fund the cost of gate operations which includes: gate staff, building/grounds maintenance, and the administrative support for vehicle stickers and gate systems. While these costs are included in the annual property taxes for gated parcels, this is not a tax, but instead is a service fee paid solely by parcel owners within the gated communities. Because residents want to retain gate operations and expect to receive quality of services commensurate to the fees paid, this has been the focus of the Gate Operations Task Group.

As our Town grows and evolves, we should be asking why legacy functions like Town-managed gate operations—are still appropriate as a Town function. Our gated communities want/expect effective gate operations—regardless who manages those services. Our non-gated communities want a Town focused less on gates issues and more on broader issues. I believe the Town can both implement improved gate operations while removing the Town from managing these daily operations.

As Town leaders, we have the opportunity—some might even say the obligation—to ask questions and seek ways to improve Town operations. This is not done to introduce unnecessary chaos or churn but instead to seek opportunities for both operational efficiencies and to focus on the needs of our entire Town's residents and business partners.

As a reminder, our monthly Town Council meetings are recorded and are available on the <u>Town's website</u>. I look forward to connecting with you in person, by phone, or via email. Please reach out to me if you would like me to speak at your small group gatherings or at any organized events. I am happy to share town news, answer questions, and certainly listen to your ideas or concerns. You can reach me by email <u>mbrannon@townofbr.com</u> or by phone 336-775-7633.

Mike



Helpful information has been posted on the Town's website homepage -Bermuda Run East Pedestrian Pathway Project



## **February is Black History Month**

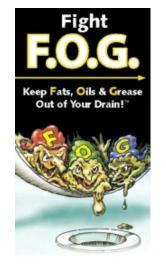
In 1976 Black History Month was officially recognized by the federal government. Ever since then, every American President has designated the month of February as <u>Black</u> <u>History Month.</u>

The month of February was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. After learning of this week dedicated to the achievements of Black Americans, many communities around the country began to organize local celebrations. A Proclamation by the Mayor will be made at the February 11, 2025 Council Meeting.

Fats, Oils and Grease are also known as **F.O.G.** which comes from food such as cooking oil, lard, shortening, meat fats, sauces, gravy, mayonnaise, butter, ice cream and soups. Sink, dishwasher, hood and floor cleaning wastewaters and food scraps may also be sources of F.O.G.

## Help prevent F.O.G.

Specific actions can be taken in the kitchen: Never pour fats, oils, or grease down a garbage disposal, sink, or storm drain. Instead, allow F.O.G. to cool and then seal it in a can or bottle and dispose in household trash. Remove remaining F.O.G. from pans and dishes by scraping and absorbing with a paper towel. Hot water and soap do not eliminate F.O.G. because it will eventually reform and solidify in pipes.





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