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## A Message From Mayor Sulka

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### **Summer is in Session**

Summer is in full swing and we all know that Bluffton is one of the most frequented small towns in the US. This means once again, we will have the opportunity to express our hospitality to the summer tourists that have chosen Bluffton as a place to visit this year. It is a busy time of the year and we will make sure that staff will take all appropriate measures to make our visitors' time here pleasant and full of wonderful memories. Whether it's the playground for the kids at DuBois Park or the WiFi for their parents, we want to make sure each of our public spaces provide a welcoming and memorable environment. Especially during this time of year, public works crews are constantly on the move maintaining all parks, public facilities, streets, and infrastructure - especially the mowing and the landscaping! Of course, the law enforcement team is working diligently as well to try to anticipate and avoid any situation that may inconvenience the public, whether it is helping with traffic during the weekly Farmer's Market or providing community outreach during our wonderful festivals.

People enjoy visiting our town for a reason. They feel at home when they are here and there actually is a lot to do for all interests. They also feel safe and we all know these days that's very high on our list when we plan a trip. This is something we all have an opportunity to help out with. We really appreciate the extra eyes and ears we have out there with our wonderful residents that some way or another take the time out of their busy schedules to assist our staff in the way of reporting any issues they may see with facilities needing attention, hazards of any kind, or mischievous activity they believe needs to be reported to law enforcement. This assistance also includes those times when we stop and help give directions to anyone, recommend a place to eat, or just treat visitors like family.

This falls right into place with this year's new branding for the Town of Bluffton; to take what's in your heart and make it part of our state of mind. Bluffton is truly special because of these heartfelt attitudes. We all make plans for summer vacations because we work hard all year so that we can take time off and enjoy ourselves and our families. We look forward to enjoying ourselves and relaxing where we visit, and I feel confident saying that when visitors come to our area they feel this, too.

Summer is a busy time in Bluffton, but it is also a time to make memories. I want to make sure we all take the opportunity to help make someone's memory an awesome one while they're here in our town. I want to wish everyone - from staff to residents to merchants - a fun and safe summer. Thank you for all you do to make Bluffton such a wonderful place to live and play!

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