

Closing thoughts

Helen Keller said Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. This is so true of our current administration. The juggling between maintaining our identity as a small caring community vs growth needed for sustainability continues to be on the forefront.

Thinking about my time over the past 29 years on the board and the changes that have occurred is truly overwhelming and amazing. Much thanks goes to our city manager and staff who juggle the day to day workload yet take on projects of this magnitude. Seeds planted years ago have begun to produce fruit for the city of Bunnell. Many thanks to Speaker of the House Renner and Senator Hudson as well as Gov DeSantis for supporting our requests and providing grant funds to help us achieve needed goals. I remember the days that were non-eventful and stag nick vs the growth that we are seeing today.

I would be remise if I didn't point out the love and care our community showed a family in need recently through the Flagler County Youth Fair. Our local community came together to support a family who's child was seriously hurt through the bidding of the hog he raised. \$50,000 was raised in less than 15 minutes and I was moved to tears. I can't describe to you the joy and gratitude of living in a place that cares so much about their own. Small town USA is alive and well in the heart of our people.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Leo Buscaglia

As we move forward, we still have work to do. Let us move in the same direction, forging together for the good of those who live, work, and play here. Thank you for your support and encouragement. May God richly bless you and yours.