



Mayors Spring Newsletter 2018

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Why can't we just get along? Is it too much to ask to not fight? Does all the bickering, squawking and posturing make things better? The hatred because of where you come from, the territorial dominance and the endless physical and emotional battles to prove the past justifies the future. Why is it at spring, with its new beginning always starts the same way? **What?** I'm talking about the

Trumpeter Swans battling with the geese. The sand hill cranes swooping over their last years home to find that new squatters, the trumpeters have taken over. BUT WAIT, SNOWMAGEDDON, silence, peace, tranquility, solitude. The neighbors, the "snowbirds", pun intended, are silent. Twelve plus inches of snow and continued subfreezing temperatures suddenly force a new focus, to stay alive, to find food with no open water and nowhere to swim. There's kind of a parallel in the human race, with social media blasting twisted real and blurring the line with so much fake news it seems like more and more people are dwelling in the past, bickering and fighting about what was, rather than making the best of what could be. But the view immediately changes when a catastrophe impales our country. I remember vividly the terrorist attack on the twin towers in New York on 9-11.... The major problems of the day seemed insignificant, buried by the tragedy. Regardless of where you were, EVERYONE stopped, took a deep breath, and prayed for the victims, their families and our country. It didn't matter what country your relatives came from, what color your skin is, male, female, old or young, tall or short, rich or poor we focused first on our country and our families. It's kind of strange as I write this, looking out my hotel room with blue sky, nice breeze, 70 degrees on the white sand beaches of Destin, Florida. Yes, for business, a very long two weeks away, but back at home, major snowfalls, my wife breaks her leg and there's nothing I can do but count down the days until I get to come home. Everyone pitched in to help her and dig out from the never ending winter. The focus changed for me immediately and for everyone around her, for the good.

The focus for all of us should be to help each other, to make a better country as individuals and should strive to make what's right selflessly for the future. There are those that continually point out the differences, strive on discontent, disruption and wallow in hatred against others because of atrocities centuries ago. We, unlike the animal kingdom have the ability to come together, to have compassion, be grateful and to forgive. Sometimes the realization or understanding what could be is worse than the constant daily barrage of any menial negativity. Being humble, having compassion and looking for the positive should be our American and neighborly emphasis. **TO BE CONTINUED.....**

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