

# CAPIZZI'S COMMENTARY

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Christmas is saved!

As an avid surfer myself and one that has been going to Surfing Santas since it started behind George's house, this story hits home for me. You all may know Surfing Santas was set to move to Shepard Park at 520, but the residents were not going to let that happen. It was amazing to see how our little city rallied together to keep it at Minutemen downtown. It was your voice, and a little persuasion from behind the scenes, that actually got it done. The founder, George Trosset, was actually flattered that the residents had taken ownership of the event as if it were their own and said, "The people have spoken. The headwinds are too strong to push north; it belongs Downtown!"

Being an artist myself, the Cocoa Beach Art Show is another great event that I have participated in. I did not enter this year; however, I have been working hard behind the scenes to make sure the Cocoa Beach Art Show will have all the donated properties they need. We were able to secure the YenYens parking lot, donated once again by OG Enterprises, and the old City Hall property will also be available for the show!

This is such a fun time of year to be in Cocoa Beach! It seems like one cool event after another. The most recent event I was part of was the National Kidney Foundation Pro-am Surf Contest. What a fun time and a great cause. Although I was late to my heat with only 4 minutes remaining, I was still able to catch a couple waves and secure a 3<sup>rd</sup> place win, representing as the Mayor of Cocoa Beach, the surf capital of the world!



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