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Fwd: Golf Course Development

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From: **Brigitte Gutermann** <bguma8@tampabay.rr.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 29, 2017 at 2:00 PM
Subject: Golf Course Development
To: Micah Maxwell <mmaxwell@townofbelleair.net>

Dear Micah:

I have heard about the intentions of the new owner of the golf course to remove 863 trees.

I am a long-time resident of Belleair - the City of Trees. I have had chosen this town because of all the trees and the greenery and the commissioners and staff commitment and dedication to keep the town of Belleair a pristine, clean air and green city.

Every year the town is celebrating Arbor Day, giving trees to its residents for free!

O'Neil's Tree Service is praising the town of Belleair for being a city of trees, the department of Park and Recreation for having created green spaces throughout the city and for preserving the natural beauty of the city.

Removing so many trees does have an effect on the whole town of Belleair, not only those residents whose properties are backing up to the golf course. It will have an effect on the air we breathe, the water quality, the wildlife.

Many years ago the late Loren Westenberger had a list on his website "What is a Tree Worth". A Tree left to Grow is Worth \$196,250 (50 years) according to American Forest Magazine. On top of the list is air pollution control with \$62,500, next is water recycling and humidity control with \$37,500 and the list continues with worth of oxygen, soil benefits, wildlife shelter, cooling the air, etc.

That is how important trees are.

PLEASE do not allow the new owner to cut down any trees that are not invasive or dead.

Kind Regards,

Brigitte Gutermann

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Micah Maxwell, ICMA-CM
Town Manager
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