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Bellevue Wraps Up Florida City Government Week with Community Engagement and Special Recognitions

Bellevue, FL — The City of Bellevue concluded the 2024 Florida City Government Week (October 21 – 26), celebrating community involvement and spotlighting the dedication of city staff through a new "Meet the Team" social media campaign. Events throughout the week provided residents with opportunities to connect directly with their local government and gain a better understanding of the city's operations and services.

"City Government Week gave us the chance to open our doors even wider to the community," said Mayor Christine Dobkowski. "Each event demonstrated the essential work that goes into serving Bellevue's residents, and we're grateful to everyone who joined us."

The week's lineup of activities included:

- **Monday, October 21:**
 - 9:00 AM – *Coffee with the Mayor and City Commission at the Community Center*
- **Tuesday, October 22:**
 - 9:00 AM – *Understanding Permits with the City Development Team at the Community Center*
 - 2:00 PM – *Tour of the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall*
- **Wednesday, October 23:**
 - 8:30 AM – *Coffee with the City Administrator and City Clerk at the Community Center*
 - 3:00 PM – *Public Works Department Q&A with the Director of Public Works*
 - 5:00 PM – *City Events and Community Outreach*

The city also launched its "Meet the Team" social media series, introducing residents to key members of city staff and highlighting the significant roles they play in keeping Bellevue running smoothly.

In addition, the City of Bellevue proudly announced the winners of the "If I Were Mayor..." essay contest, open to local 4th-5th and 6th-8th graders, who shared their imaginative ideas on how they would lead the community. Mayor Dobkowski honored each winner, whose essays were an inspiring addition to the week's events:

4th-5th Grade Winners:

1st Place: Eyan Antich

2nd Place: Elliott Stephenson

3rd Place: Charlie Small

Honorable Mention: Vivian Larroque

6th-8th Grade Winners:

1st Place: Abigail Stephenson

2nd Place: Lilla Smith

Each winner will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by Mayor Christine Dobkowski and City Administrator Sandi McKamey. First place winners will have their essays read aloud during the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 6PM at Bellevue City Hall, where they will be formally recognized for their achievement.

"This contest highlighted the creativity and civic-mindedness of our young residents," said Sandi McKamey, City Administrator. "It was wonderful to see the ideas our future leaders have for Bellevue."

The City of Belleview looks forward to hosting more events that strengthen the connection between residents and their city government, fostering a well-informed and engaged community.