



A Message from Your Fort White Town Council

Dear Fellow Citizens,

Your Town Council is committed to open and honest communication. We've noticed some inaccurate information circulating about town policies, and we want to ensure you have the facts.

Our Commitment to Transparency

We serve with integrity and encourage your questions and feedback. For accurate information, please attend our public meetings, contact us directly, or visit our official website.

Setting the Record Straight: The Collective Food Yard & Garden

There have been claims about the Town of Fort White "singling out" and "selectively enforcing" codes or "attacking" The Collective Food Yard & Garden.

Also, allegations that the Town Council hindered their planned Fourth of July event. These claims are intentionally misleading.

Here are the facts:

- * The Collective Food Yard & Garden is not in compliance with several conditions of a settlement agreement with the Town of Fort White signed on December 16, 2024.
- * Discussions about their landscaping concerned compliance with their site plan, a condition of that agreement, not "too much" planting.
- * The Collective Food Yard & Garden never requested permission for a Fourth of July event. Main Street of Fort White did propose an event, which the Council supported, but raised safety concerns about law enforcement and a trained road crossing guard at SR 47 for a safe event for the community.

Moving Forward Together

Our community thrives on shared facts and mutual respect. We are dedicated to explaining our decisions and listening to your concerns.

For accurate information, please use our official channels:

- * Attend monthly Town Council meetings: Every third Monday at 6:00 PM in Town Hall.
- * Contact Town Hall: (386) 497-2321.
- * Visit our website: www.fortwhitefl.com
- * Email us: town@fortwhitefl.com

We ask everyone to seek information from official sources and engage in constructive dialogue. We are proud to serve you and remain committed to transparency and accountability for the well-being of all residents.

Sincerely,

Fort White Town Council

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The Collective: Food Yard & Garden ★ Rising contributor

We have decided we will NOT be attending anymore meetings.

If anyone has to reach us, they can email our attorney.

We are DONE being singled out, in a town FULL of non compliance issues.

We call it selective code enforcement.

Leave small business owners alone.

Help us, support us, encourage locally owned small businesses.

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Angel Lynn

The Collective: Food Yard & Garden well said I think yall have been bullied enough

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Ruben Adrian

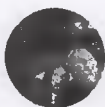
Laureano ★ Rising contributor

The Collective: Food Yard & Garden here we go against.

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Bill Koon

That is ashamed that's all I can say !!!!!

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it's no different than what is happening on a national scale ...

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Ruben Adrian Laureano ★ Rising contributor

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Now were arguing the garden!?!?!?

Come ON!

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James Faron Richardson ✍️ Author

🔑 Admin

Ruben Adrian Laureano of course you have, doing extra is SOP isn't it?

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Brenda Diane Swenson

James this is his loss best enioiv this term I



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YES lonnie, we planted some more fruit trees! Peaches, plums, and mulberries.
And I will NOT subject MY private property, to your vision for what a garden should look like.

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James Faron Richardson Author

Admin

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The Collective: Food Yard & Garden ★ Rising contributor

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Ruben Adrian

Laureano ★ Rising contributor

James Faron Richardson councilman

Lonnie runs the risk of selective code enforcement, and opens up the council to another lawsuit. A trained code enforcement officer, would look at the town as a WHOLE, and issue out violations accordingly, as a whole. Lonnie drove around town acting as a code enforcement officer, and ended up with a list of JUST THE COLLECTIVE. That is not proper code enforcement. Some of his requests are ridiculous, and show the type of angle he's representing. He insists my business should shut off my string lights at night.. drive around town, count the businesses that leave the lights on. The light helps deter vandalism, theft, and other illegal activities from taking place in a dark space. Lonnie also goes on to suggest that the council should allow residents to report issues anonymously, for the council to then submit as themselves. They are opening themselves up to big problems. The county does not allow anonymous complaints for a reason.

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Melissa Gillette

He has no honor and he is an embarrassment to the uniform he wore. The fact he can so easily switch personalities is scary. How quickly he went



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Tokyo Sushi menu

How much does breakfast cost?

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 Top fan

James LaCorte

people should just bring fireworks to the open field and just happen to collaborate and put on a show. Thats what our neighborhood did. unofficial and unsanctioned with food trucks at the end of the road,

Like Reply



The Collective: Food Yard & Garden

James LaCorte sounds like a great neighborhood. We tried to put on a fourth of July event, but our town council had too many demands lol

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chicken, or ground brisket) Bacon, Philly steak, and more. Bagels, croissants, breakfast burritos. Crazy Wings hand pattied burgers, wings, nuggets, mozzarella sticks, jalapeños poppers, and more El Mexicano tacos, Burritos, BEST NACHOS, fresh

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Top fan

Grady Thomas

Is there any kind of celebration happening on the 4th

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Author

The Collective: Food Yard & Garden

Grady Thomas we had hoped to put on an event, but it was not easy working with the town council and their demands. Sorry

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Top fan

Grady Thomas

The Collective: Food Yard & Garden my family and I are all coming out at 6:30 for a 4th of July supper at the Collective !

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Moira Mills

Like to see if it's all



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