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As you may have recently read in The Herald, the Quincy City Commission, on November 28, voted to hire SCG Governmental Affairs to represent the city in Tallahassee and to keep the city informed about legislative activities.

Some may be wondering exactly what we will be doing for the city, so we thought an explanation would be beneficial.

In fact, during the last meeting a commissioner asked “What is SCG going to do for us given the Regular Session starts in a month?”

And that was a great question.

SCG has a long history of representing clients before the Florida Legislature and for some of our clients it was their first time hiring a lobbyist.

This is also the case for the city of Quincy, as far as we can determine.

During a typical year, SCG would work with the city staff three to four months in advance of Session to formalize a legislative agenda and that agenda would then be submitted to the City Commission for its consideration.

In a normal year then we would actually be working throughout the summer and early fall to make sure

any grants or projects that would be considered for funding during the following Session are timely submitted to state agencies for review.

We also would work to secure letters of support from members of the Legislative Delegation (in this case Sen. Bill Montford and Rep. Ramon Alexander) which are often helpful in funding requests.

Once the City Commission has approved the legislative agenda, we immediately share this information with our legislators and begin working the process.

For appropriations projects, this means submitting all of the paperwork necessary to meet the requirements of both the House and Senate.

When the projects have been officially filed, we then start working with the local legislators to make sure the projects are vetted in the legislative committee process — with the ultimate goal of having the projects be included in the state appropriations bill.

Due to the early start of the Regular Session this coming year (the Session will start on January 9, but it typically starts the first week of March), we will not have the luxury of implementing our typical process, but the city has already determined their priority projects.



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Do you know
where the spices
we use come
from? Now
about the nuts
and oils?

I've got
it...
almost!

Plants at Christmas 'Time!

Inside and Outside the House

- a large one cut out and burning;
- it is lighted and kept burning;
- Blooms at Christmas; can be red, pink or white
- green leaves, white berries; custom says people kiss under this
- round, made from evergreen branches; decorated with red berries, pine cones
- decorated with lights, ornaments, star
- placed as bedding in a manger or made into ornaments for the tree

Oooh, these cinnamon sticks smell wonderful!

In the Kitchen

Oh, I saw wreaths #1 and #10 are exactly the same.

Two Just Alike!

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SCRAMBLE GRAMS SOLUTION

R ₁	E ₁	P ₃	U ₁	L ₁	S ₁	E ₁	RACK 1 =	<u>59</u>
B ₃	L ₁	U ₁	E ₁	F ₄	I ₁	N ₁	RACK 2 =	<u>62</u>
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M ₃	I ₁	S ₁	D ₂	R ₁	A ₁	W ₄	RACK 4 =	<u>63</u>
C ₃	O ₁	F ₄	O ₁	U ₁	N ₁	D ₂	RACK 5 =	<u>76</u>
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