## Office of the Mayor

## Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the City of Valparaiso, also known as "Vale of Paradise". As a city, Valparaiso is proud of its many natural advantages which include a variety of beautiful parks, quality fishing and boating opportunities, and breathtaking water views. In addition, we offer a safe and friendly community atmosphere nestled in what we believe to be an unbeatable location. We are the home of Eglin AFB, one of the world's largest Air Force installations, and host of the Northwest Florida Regional Airport. We are a stable city that has focused on sustaining our quality of life for our citizens.

Valparaiso's 6,534 residents live adjacent to the Eglin Air Force Base East gate with approximately 500 residents living on Eglin Air Force Base itself. Our City is bordered by Niceville on the North and Boggy Bayou on the East. The City is cut in two by Tom's Bayou, which juts off from Boggy Bayou.

Today, we have a renewed effort to promote service and volunteerism in Valparaiso. We want to tap the power of our people to tackle our most pressing challenges. We invite you to get involved, be informed, and stay connected with us.

If there is additional information that you would like to feature on the city web site, please do not hesitate to send your ideas to me at mayor [at] valp.org. In addition, you may contact the Mayor's Office directly at (850) 729-5402 as it is our goal to make your local government more accessible.

Thank you,

**Mayor Smith**