



'THE MAILBOAT'



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The Town of Malabar got its 1st official Post Office and name on December 24, 1883 when R.A. Ward was named Postmaster by President Chester A. Arthur. Two times a week, the boat that travelled down the intracoastal waterway from Jacksonville, would deliver the mail to the palmetto shack post office along the river bank at Malabar. The mail was dumped on the counter for the population of 25 to shuffle through. With the coming of the railroad, in 1893, the mail boat was no longer needed.

Malabar Springfest is....

Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Malabar Community Park (1850 Malabar Road). ADMISSION and PARKING ARE FREE!

Activities in Malabar Community Park:

- Live Entertainment: Bruce Marion and SwampFox
- Open Mic for Local Talent to Participate
- Car Show: Same day registration; fee \$10
- Raffle Prizes: provided by local businesses
- Food & Drink:
 - *Greek Food by Jimmy the Greek (El Greco's)
 - *West Indian Food and Music
 - *Hot Dogs/Hamburgers & Brats by Malabar Trail Life USA FL #9613
 - *Brats Chili and Nachos by Malabar Boy Scout Troop #37
 - *Soda and Water will be sold by the Town of Malabar
- Entertainment – Dog Lure Chasing by Meghan Wolfgram
- Local and Exotic Animals for petting/viewing
- Horse/Pony Rides
- Fire Department Demonstrations
- Car Smash
- Cake Contest – Judged on Originality and Flavor at noon in front of pavilion then sold for \$1.00 by the slice. Name and phone on bottom of serving dish.
- Amateur Photo Contest: Two (2) pictures per household; no categories, all pictures accepted. Must be received at Town Hall by Thursday April 7, 2016 at noon with name and phone number on back of picture. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place photo judged by professional photographer Robert Wicker.

Best in Show done at event by general public.

• Kids Zone:

- *Games (prizes awarded to the winners)
- *Bounce Houses/Slides
- *Face Painting & Balloon Animals by Clowns Brocko & Li'l Rosie

The TOWN OF MALABAR is proud to host this year's event along with the following local businesses: HOMETOWN NEWS, WASTE MANAGEMENT, FPL, CMR CONSTRUCTORS, INC., CAMELOT RV PARK, COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY, NAIL FARMS SOD & SEEDING, TWISTY CONE ICE CREAM, RUMBOPETS, THARP'S COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR, PODS OF MELBOURNE, REASONABLE AUTO REPAIR, THE PALM HOUSE, VILLAROMA, SHORE LANES-PALM BAY, DIGITAL GRAPHICS/DATA MANAGEMENT, BROOK HOLLOW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION and CALLAGY TIRES, INC. We want to thank each and every one of our sponsors for their generous donations to this year's event. Without you, we wouldn't be able to pull this off.

Grab your family and friends and come out to the park on the 9th of April for some good clean fun with your loved ones and neighbors. We hope to see each and every one of you there!!! By the way, there is still some time to sign up to be a crafter/business vendor; contact town hall at 321-727-7764, or go to www.townofmalabar.org. You can subscribe for free and then you will be notified when there is an update to the website. SpringFest information will be kept up to the minute current leading up to the event.

Mowing the rights-of way in Front of Your Improved Property

Please help the Town help you. Each owner of improved property is supposed to be maintaining the area between the edge of the road and their property line. In many cases that means the area on the outside of your fence (in most cases it is a minimal area relative to your property size). We know you can't get down into deep ditch areas and don't expect you to, but by mowing the flat areas you will help keep the Town looking nice while relieving the mowing currently being done by Public Works so they can focus more on the stormwater projects approved for this year. We are asking for you to do your part as a good neighbor. The Town will continue to mow the slopes and deep ditch areas and those properties that are vacant and unimproved. I'm sure that you will see many improvements on other projects and maintenance issues throughout the Town by each resident doing their part by mowing these rights of way. This is a learning process and we will continue to put information about this in future issues of the MailBoat as well as on the Town's website – www.townofmalabar.org. The Town appreciates your contributions in this matter. Again, help us to help you!

Thank you from Brian Vail, Council Member, District 2, along with the rest of Council.

Why Pull a Building Permit?

This is a question so often asked when planning alterations to your home. A decision not to get a permit could be costly. Some homeowners are finding when they go to sell or refinance their home, prospective buyers or lending institutions want proof that alterations are in compliance with local codes. Without a permit or inspections on record, there is no proof. Then the homeowner must apply for a permit with no guarantee the remodel will meet the codes.

The purpose behind building codes is to give assurance that a home is safe from structural failure, fire hazards from electrical and heating systems, electrical shock, and health risks. The permits provide a permanent record of the work performed and inspections conducted on the project. Please feel free to stop by the Building Department, we are here to assist all our residents.

Denine Sherear, Building Department

News From the P&Z Advisory Board

The Planning and Zoning Advisory Board has been pretty busy the last few months making recommendations to the Town Council.

The following topics are presently being discussed at our meetings:

1. Future Land Use map recommendations to Council for Residential/Limited Commercial (R/LC) land uses along Babcock St, Malabar Rd and US1. We are recommending changing land uses from Rural Residential (RR) to R/LC for some property along the major arterial roads.
2. An updated definition for R/LC, and what this Land Use allows in its Land Use district.
3. Updating the 500 ft. radius notice given to residence. Presently, the code only requires this for variances that are heard by the Board of Adjustments. We believe the residence should be given notice for land use changes, conditional uses, and for all Public Hearing actions.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday's of the month at 7:30pm in the Town Hall if you are interested in seeing what's being discussed by the Board pertaining to the future development of the Town. We also discuss the Code of Ordinances, Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Land Use direction of the Town, and are part of the Site Plan Reviews process.

Patrick T. Reilly, Planning and Zoning Board Chairman

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The Town needs YOUR involvement! Volunteering as a Board Member helps your community and allows your input for our future! To qualify you must have been a registered voter of the Town for one year. Please volunteer for one of the following positions!

Board of Adjustment – no members needed for the alternate seats. This Board meets on an "as needed" basis.

Planning and Zoning Board – no openings at this time but applications are always accepted. This Board meets twice a month, with meetings canceled and added as needed.

Parks and Recreation Board – three members needed. This Board meets once a month and deals with recreation projects.

News Around Town . . .

DID YOU KNOW....

The Town's website is very easy to use and will keep you up to date with useful information by signing up for a free subscription. You can now listen to the audio from every public meeting held at town hall.

- Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes
- Resolutions & Ordinances
- P & Z Board Agendas and Minutes
- Parks & Recreation Board Agendas and Minutes
- Building Permit Applications, Community Park Rentals,
- Monthly Calendars of Town meetings
- Request Town Services

MALABAR TEEN COUNCIL

In 2008, then Mayor Thomas Eschenberg started the Malabar Teen Council. Local teenagers learned first-hand what it is like to sit as a "mock" Town Council and make decisions. He acted as the Council "Chair" and followed Roberts Rules. The Teens filled the council positions and the position of mayor. They followed the printed agenda starting with opening prayer and pledge and followed by roll call, approval of minutes from previous meeting, public input and action items. The action items are actual issues discussed and voted on previously by the Malabar Town Council. Parents were encouraged to make themselves familiar with the issues, attend the meetings and act as the public by coming up to the podium to address the issues and give their opinion on how the Council should vote.

Mayor Beatty took over the Teen Council in 2013. The membership has risen and fallen over the years. Although it is open to high school students from this area it has also welcomed home schooled students. Mayor Beatty entered the Teen Council into a video competition last May. A trophy was awarded to the Malabar Teen Council for First Prize for their video entitled "Disconnected".

If there are interested teens that would like to continue the youth council in Malabar, we will be seeking a Council Member or the next Mayor to champion this project. If any teen is interested in learning how local government operates, call Town Hall at (321) 727-7764 and request an application by email or download it from our website, www.townofmalabar.org.

SAD NEWS

Mayor Carl Beatty passed away on January 31, 2016. He was born on September 8, 1945 and came to Brevard County in the early 1960s. He graduated from Melbourne High School and relocated to Malabar in the 1970's. Carl volunteered on the Malabar Planning & Zoning Advisory Board in the late 1970's becoming Chair of that Board in 1978. He and the Board worked long hours on the first Land Use Comprehensive Plan later adopted in 1980. He loved to tell the story about how they held all day public hearings after reading the entire land use ordinance aloud, to make sure they got all the public input possible.

Carl volunteered to run the county's grader and operate the ditch dragline when county personnel weren't available. He served as Mayor from 1985-1987 and was part of Council when the County donated a four acre parcel for a park (Huggins) and a developer donated the 20 acres that our Malabar Community Park and Malabar Fire Department are located. He was also part of bringing Harris Corporation into Malabar on Jordan Boulevard.

Later Carl worked for Malabar part-time in 1993 as Public Works Foreman and worked for the Town until February 2010 when he ran for District 1 Council seat in November and won. In 2012, Carl ran for Mayor and won and was just finishing up the 4th year of his first term as Mayor.

From 2010 through 2014 he was active in the Honor Flights Program that brought WWII vets to Washington DC. Mayor Beatty loved the Town of Malabar and we were well served by his contributions.

GLOSSARY

Arterial Road - a transportation route which is relatively continuous and has high traffic volume; for example, every numbered federal highway is an arterial road.

Collector Road - a transportation route which collects and distributes traffic between local roads or arterial roads. In Malabar we have major and minor collectors. An example of a major collector is Corey Road or Weber Road, minor collectors are Hall Road and Atz Road.

Local Road - a transportation route with relatively low traffic volume and minimal through-traffic movements; examples would include roads in residential areas.

This is a snapshot of the budget approved last September for this fiscal year. The revenue estimates for Sales and Intergovernmental tax are provided by the State. The charges for services, permits, fees and miscellaneous remain fairly constant from year to year. **The only revenue that Council has control over is the Ad Valorem tax.**

**BUDGET SUMMARY
TOWN OF MALABAR - FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	STORMWATER FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes: Millage Per \$1000				
Ad Valorem Taxes 1.9256	366,400			366,400
Sales and Use Taxes	486,484			486,484
Permits, Fees & Special Assessments	321,925			321,925
Intergovernmental Revenue	238,644			238,644
Charges for Services	37,260	72,000		109,260
Fines and Forfeitures	200			200
Miscellaneous Revenue	14,600			14,600
Other Sources	25,000			25,000
TOTAL SOURCES	1,490,513	\$72,000	\$0	1,562,513
Transfers In carry forward		\$91,042		91,042
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$1,490,513	\$163,042	\$0	\$1,653,555
EXPENDITURES				
General Government	373,538			373,538
Fire Control	465,857			465,857
Protective Inspections	89,586			89,586
Public Works	6,296			6,296
Streets and Roads	439,955			439,955
Parks and Recreation	19,745			19,745
Special Events	6,500			6,500
Stormwater projects new		163,042		163,042
Stormwater projects current	89,036			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,490,513	\$163,042		1,653,555
Transfers Out				0
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets				0
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES	\$1,490,513	\$163,042		\$1,653,555

This is a typical tax bill for an improved property in Malabar with a taxable value of \$174,990.00. It shows a total tax due of \$3,141.23 **but the portion that comes to Malabar is \$336.96 in ad Valorem and 36.00 in stormwater non-ad Valorem.** When you receive your Truth in Millage Notice in late August it gives you the date each taxing authority will hold their first public hearing on their proposed millage. This is so you can attend each public hearing for each agency levying tax on your property.

LISA CULLEN, CFC

BREVARD COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR	millage	property value	minus exemptions	taxable value	tax due
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	4.5497	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$796.15
BREVARD LIBRARY DISTRICT	0.5555	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$97.21
BREVARD MOSQUITO CONTROL	0.1995	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$34.91
SCHOOL - BY STATE LAW	5.0270	224,990	25,000	199,990	\$1,005.35
SCHOOL - BY LOCAL BOARD	0.7480	224,990	25,000	199,990	\$149.59
SCHOOL - CAPITAL OUTLAY	1.5000	224,990	25,000	199,990	\$299.99
TOWN OF MALABAR	1.9256	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$336.96
LAW ENFORCEMENT MSTU	1.2691	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$222.08
ST JOHNS RIV WAT MGMT DST	0.3023	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$52.90
FLA INLAND NAVIGN DIST	0.0320	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$5.60
SEBASTIAN INLET DISTRICT	0.1069	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$18.71
ENV END LD/WTR LTD 05-24	0.0543	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$9.50
ENV END LD/WTR LTD(DBTP) 05-24	0.1102	224,990	50,000	174,990	\$19.28
Total	16.380				\$3048.23

Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

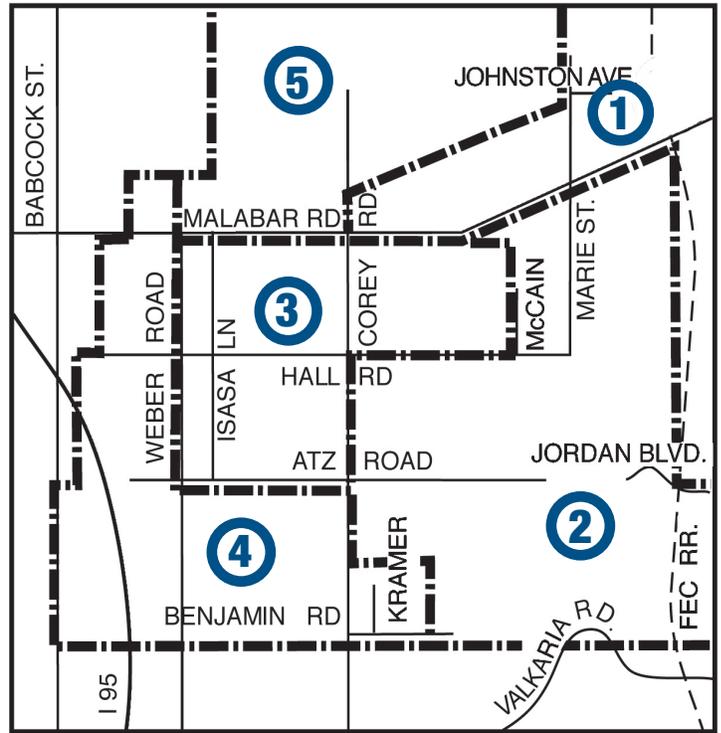
Levying authority	Rate	Amount
STORMWATER MALABAR		\$36.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		\$57.00
Total		\$93.00

Combined taxes and assessments: \$3,141.23

MALABAR TOWN COUNCIL

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- Bromley "Grant" Ball Dist 1 321-727-1500
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- Dick Korn Dist 4 321-288-9402
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- Richard Kohler Dist 5 321-431-3846
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