



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.

Hello Trash Bash - Goodbye Trash!

Calling all Volunteers! Attention church groups, scout troops, civic organizations, businesses and individuals:

Malabar has accepted the Trash Bash "**challenge**" again this year. This marks the fourth year that we have participated with Keep Brevard Beautiful's (KBB) effort in The Great Florida Cleanup. For the last two years we have placed first in the County wide competition. Perhaps you have seen the posters and sign up sheets we have placed around Town advertising the event. It's easy to sign up and even easier to make a difference. You'll see first-hand how careless behavior threatens Florida's environment and beauty; and how to do something about it.

Trash Bash is set for Saturday morning, **April 19, from 8:00 until 11:00**. Town Hall will serve as the check in site where volunteers will register and pick up their trash bags and gloves. Remember to wear comfortable clothing, shoes and sun screen. Clean up sites will be assigned and transportation may be provided if the site is remote.

Maps will be available to locate the selected cleanup sites and coordinate the proper recording of data.

Afterward, volunteers return to Town Hall where they can check in and clean up. Enjoy the live music of "Up The Creek" while munching on free pizza and soda! There will also be Certificates of Appreciation, signed by our Mayor, Jerry Durand, given out to all the volunteers. That's our way of saying **THANKS** for helping in such a worthwhile effort.



Trash collected by one volunteer in last year's event. It was litter like this that secured Malabar 1st place for the second year in a row.

You can make a donation to help Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc. continue to promote environmental citizenship. Your donation also entitles you to a Trash Bash '97 T-shirt. This year, Matt Hahn of Eau Gallie High School designed the logo which

accompanies KBB's '97 theme, "Let's Just Do It Brevard". So please plan to participate in Trash Bash '97. If you know an area that would be a candidate for cleanup, please call and tell us.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The engineering plans for paving Atz Road from Corey Road to Weber Road are complete. Council is scheduled to review them at their meeting on April 7th. Once the plans receive approval from Council they will be delivered to Brevard County Roads and Bridges Department for construction.



Malabar's Public Works Department will replace the necessary drainage pipes and Florida Power and Light will have to move the utility poles. Then construction will begin. It is difficult to provide a date certain for paving, however all parties involved are optimistic about July of this year.

Malabar Community Park is a reality. We have restrooms nearing completion funded by Brevard County Endangered Lands Program. The fitness trails have been installed, 120 native trees planted and a parking lot for 80 vehicles. What a beautiful place to have our annual Malabar Day Celebration.

At this year's Malabar Day we will also be celebrating Malabar's 35th anniversary. The incorporation papers were filed with the Clerk of Court on December 19, 1962. Not much building was going on back then. In fact, there were territorial challenges brought by property owners who wanted to make certain they didn't become part of this "Malabar City". It's not so today. Our Planning & Zoning Board is staying busy reviewing plans for the expansion of Brook Hollow of about 270 homes. They also have a request for a 15 home subdivision on Weber Road at Malabar Road, and for a new street with six homes on the northwest corner of Malabar Road and US #1. More and more people are discovering that Malabar is the place they want to call home.

As always, I am available to answer your questions.

Thanks for your time.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Hall".

William Hall

MALABAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 1996 brought with it many challenges for this department. I am PROUD and PLEASED, to say that the unity in strength of this department all were met head on. Through the coordinated efforts of this department with Division of Forestry we were able to obtain 3 vehicles for the Town of Malabar's use. The



1978 Dodge was refurbished and put on line as our new rescue vehicle (Squad 99), the 1200 gallon tanker was brought on line as a brush vehicle, with complete refurbishment to be completed in 1997 after the 1000 gallon tanker is completed for brush use. An engine was obtained and installed along with body refurbishment for the command vehicle (District 99). The new maintenance building funded entirely for the Volunteers, was erected and completed for vehicle repairs, freeing up a bay in the station for vehicle parking. With this completed, the bay floors and the dayroom were painted. Along with completing all the aforementioned projects, our members also responded to a total of 270 rescue and fire calls for the year 1996. This included mutual aid to Palm Bay for the largest brush fire in the County, several standbys for inclement weather, including a hurricane threat, along with calls for fire and rescue within the Town of Malabar. The hours stated below for standby do not include all the hours expended for a large majority of these calls. Remember an emergency knows not a time of day or night, the person calling for help just wants a knowledgeable person to show up and take care of the situation.

"Station manning" is the number of hours that personnel were present at the station and available for response to calls. These hours do not include time spent for training or responding to calls. For the fourth quarter the station was manned for a total of 4679.5 hours. For the year 1996 the station was manned for a total of 17,601.0 hours. This breaks down to an average of 30.5 hours per member per month. Members are present at the station at all times of the day or night and usually can be found working on a project to enhance our department. Personnel can be found working on a vehicle, painting the floors or the walls or training in one skill or another to better prepare themselves for a fire or rescue call.

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Town Happenings . . .

ANNUAL EVENTS

Please make note of these dates and mark them on your calendar.

April 19, 1997	Trash Bash
May 26, 1997	Memorial Day *
July 4, 1997	Independence Day*
September 1, 1997	Labor Day*
October 18, 1997	Malabar Day Celebration
November 29, 1997	Christmas Tree Lighting

*Town Hall closed

Get on that bus and ride...Update

On January 25 the Malabar Town Council, along with most Board members, Town Hall Staff and interested members of the public boarded a bus for a tour of Malabar. Our own Dave Beaudry donated the use of his P.A.L. bus and drove the bus for the tour. It took just over two hours and almost the entire Town was covered. Mr. Hall acted as Tour Guide and pointed out areas of interest throughout the tour. The tour was very informative as well as enjoyable.

RECYCLE INFORMATION

In each issue of the newsletter we try to include useful information on recycling to help you, the consumer, and also to benefit the recycle effort. Recycling is a process that involves more than setting the bins at the curb.

In this edition, paper contamination will be reviewed. In order for the recycling effort to succeed recycling companies must have quality raw material. Presently, if nonrecyclable items are overlooked, they will wind up at the pulp mill and a substandard product results. Some items that are not acceptable for the newspaper recycle bin are: phone books, magazines, clothes, toys, junk mail, and plastic wrappers. If you question whether an item is recyclable or not call Harris at 723-4455.

The goal in recycling is to reduce the amount of trash in the landfill and use everything to its utmost. Remember: **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

Please Note: A "Phone Books Only" recycling container will be located at Town Hall for your convenience from April 14 until May 3, 1997. Phone books collected curbside will not be accepted at the Recycling facility. Please recycle your phone books by bringing them to Town Hall. For more information, call 727-7764.

Boards

All Boards are made up of volunteers who are residents of Malabar and are registered voters. Applications are available at Town Hall if you are interested. Terms vary from 1 to 5 years on the Boards and no skills other than a dedication to serve are required.

The **Park Board** deals with park issues, beautification projects, the annual Trash Bash, the annual Malabar Day Celebration, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and other new projects that are suggested throughout the year. Last year they worked on rehabilitating the old Malabar cemetery.

The **Planning and Zoning Board** acts as the local planning agency as well as formulating elements or portions thereof of the comprehensive planning program for the Town. It makes recommendations to the Council on zoning matters and land use issues.

The **Board of Adjustment** meets on an as needed basis. They meet to hear and decide on requests for variances. They also hear and decide Administrative Appeals if a party believes an error has been made in a decision involving enforcement of any land development code or regulation.

We also have a Historical Society that was established and officially recognized in 1996. If you have historical information to donate or share please call Town Hall and leave a message for Jorilet Paets.

STANDARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

The Town Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The Planning & Zoning Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm.

The Park Board meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

All meetings take place at Town Hall.

Clerk's Corner

During the last quarter several Town Ordinances were approved by Town Council. We publish this information in our newsletters for the benefit of those residents who don't attend regular Council meetings or see the public notices in the paper. Ordinance 97-3 defines what a warehouse and mini-warehouse are and what activities each is allowed to conduct. Ordinance 97-4 forbids the burying of trash or debris. Ordinance 97-5 clarifies the floor area ratio (FAR) allowed in commercial limited zoning. Ordinances are the legislative action of the governing body and are permanent in nature and enforceable as law.

Resolutions are more an expression of the governing body concerning matters of administration or a provision for the disposition of a particular item. One resolution presently before Council addresses the application and construction requirements for installing culverts in order to enhance with our stormwater master plan; another deals with the handling of regular and special Town Council meetings. Resolution 6-97 will go before Council on April 7, 1997. It requests the Department of Transportation paint double yellow stripes to create no passing zones on Malabar Road at the intersections of Weber, Eva, Corey and Marie.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (con't)

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Malabar Fire Department now has 12 new State Certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), bringing our total to 19. The following members are proudly wearing State of Florida EMT patches: Scott Allender, Joseph Buhler, Jr., James Dixon, Bryan Erikson, Anthony Gianantonio, William Grecsek, Allen Howard, Debbie Kicinski, Roy McClung, Richard Makowiec, Dave Morey, Adam Pouliot, Jeff Reardon, John Ringleb, Aaron Rhodes, Jenny Robb, Randy Simmons, Sean Sweeney, Nathan Thomas. We are also proud to have 1 Paramedic, Creed McClelland, and 6 First Responders: Charles McClelland, Tim Neary, Gayle Malone, Tony Landolfi, Holly Lord-Grecsek, Christy Pouliot.

These people have put a lot of time, effort and energy into their studies to pass the course as well as the state exam. Some of these members are taking their studies further by going to Paramedic and/or Fire School in the near future. In the meantime, they are proud and willing to serve the residents in the Town of Malabar.

Charles D. McClelland, *Fire Chief*

What's Your Opinion?

SURVEY QUESTION - SKATEBOARDING

In the last issue of the newsletter we solicited comments regarding future development of the Malabar Community Park. A young resident of Country Cove attended the next Park Board meeting and ask if a skateboard facility could be considered. What do you think?

SURVEY RESULTS

In the last newsletter we asked you if you were satisfied with the service you are getting from Harris Sanitation. Many people responded.

The majority of the calls and the two letters received complained about the service. All cited examples, with the most common one being the handling (or mishandling) of the trash cans. Cans being indiscriminately thrown down in the roadway causing breakage of the handles or wheels or lids. Cans being thrown down into deep ditches which required the resident to then fish it out. One unique response came from a letter carrier for the US Postal Service. He made the observation that on trash pickup days, when the trash cans are left at the end of the driveway or in the roadway blocking the mail box, their job is severely impacted by having to move those cans in order to deliver the mail. The next most annoying complaint was that the workers leave trash either in the street or at the curbside. Comments ranged from "the workers are in too much of a hurry" to "they just don't care." On a brighter note, Harris is working closely with the Town on responding to such problems. We have also received many favorable comments regarding the recycle pickups such as, "They seldom ever seem to miss pickups and don't leave the containers or the recyclables on the roadside."

Drainage Problems

If you are aware of any drainage problems or blockages on your property that could be improved with some help from Public Works please let us know. We'll need to know the location of the problem and the type of blockage. We'll then make arrangements to make a site visit with the property owner's permission.

Publications of Interest

The Guardian Brevard, a newsletter put out as a community service by Protect Our Children, Inc. is available free of charge at Town Hall. The next issue is due out in early April. Also available at Town Hall is a variety of information that would be helpful to new residents.

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I would like to encourage all of you to visit our Parks, both Huggins and Malabar Community Park. Huggins Park is located north of Malabar Road on Johnston Avenue. Although it has been dedicated as park land since 1973, it wasn't until 1995 that we were able to develop it as a passive recreation facility with the financial assistance of County recycling grants.

Malabar Community Park is being developed with grant funds also, from the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program. Soon you will see the completion of the restrooms and pavilions which will greatly enhance our next Malabar Day Celebration. The Park Board will be offering personalized plaques for placement within the pavilions for a donation to the park. We will also be installing historical plaques depicting earlier Malabar residents and their accomplishments. Malabar has come a long way since those early days when mail was delivered weekly and the nearest bank was in Sanford. Fortunately it has retained the best aspects of living in a small town - its residents.



Jerry R. Durand

Hazardous Waste Collection

The County sponsors the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program. It offers two permanent collection centers located at the Central Deposal Facility, 2250 Adamson Road, Cocoa and the Sarno Road Landfill/Transfer Station, 3379 Sarno Road, Melbourne. Residents may bring unwanted or left-over hazardous household products to the collection center in Cocoa every Wednesday and in Melbourne every Thursday. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Materials that will be accepted free of charge from Brevard residents include latex and oil base paints, paint thinner, lacquer, antifreeze, used motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, NiCad batteries (camcorder, cell phone), thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent lamps, pool chemicals and lawn and garden products (quantities limited to 50 gallons or less). Unacceptable materials include explosives, ammunition, dioxins, reactives and 55 gallon drums.

Just the Facts

Home building in Malabar got off to a slow start this year, with only one permit to build a residence issued in January. That's not unusual, though, according to Building Inspector Carl Boyer who explained that December and January are traditionally slow in the construction business.

Commercial construction during 1996 was slow, with only one warehouse constructed. The remaining building permits were for 26 homes, 14 mobile homes and a mix of swimming pools and garages. The total estimated value of property constructed during 1996 came to \$4.56 million, with \$3.3 million of that attributed to new homes.

The value of the average home being built today in Malabar is \$139,214, a figure that does not include the cost of the land.

Malabar has 30.24 miles of road, not including Babcock Street, Malabar Road or U.S. 1. Almost 40 percent of the roads in Town are paved, but if the above three streets are added into the figures, then about half of all Malabar's roads are paved.

Early this year, more playground equipment was installed in Huggins Park which has become a popular recreation area for people with children or grandchildren. The Sheriff's Deputies keep a close watch on the park, which closes at dusk. People who frequent the neighborhood where the park is located are asked to drive carefully and maintain the speed limit due not only to the presence of children visiting the park, but because many children live in nearby homes.

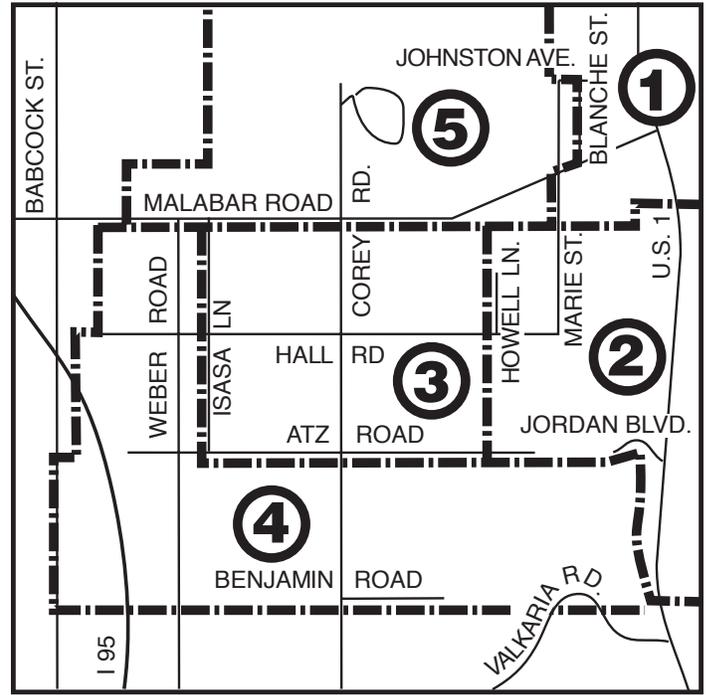
Code enforcement officer Dave Beaudry is very busy these days. With at least four residents disputing mandatory garbage pickup, he has represented the Town in court where the judge decides if the resident is required to adhere to the Town's requirement. In all four cases the judge has upheld the Town's right to mandate required garbage pickup by Harris Sanitation. Each of the four were fined \$50.00 plus court costs. Beaudry urges all residents to keep current with their garbage bills, which arrive quarterly. A list of residents who do not pay the garbage bill each quarter is sent to code enforcement, where Dave keeps on top of continuing compliance. If a rental unit will be sitting empty or if a home will be vacant for more than one month, Beaudry asks that Harris Sanitation be notified

(Researched and submitted for publication by Ethel Crews)

Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Cheryl Morey 2475 Malabar Road	729-6505
District 2	Julane Kikla 2730 Rocky Point Road	676-3698
District 3	John Detwiler 1780 Eva Lane	725-7759
District 4	Tom Eschenberg 2835 Beran Lane	724-1007
District 5	Henry Dekker 1260 Hollow Brook Lane	722-9717
Mayor	Jerry Durand 1460 Hall Road	724-0123
Town Administrator	Bill Hall Town Hall	723-3261
Town Clerk/ Treasurer	Susan Kilian Town Hall	727-7764
County Comm.	Nancy Higgs, Dist. 3	952-6300
State Senator	Patsy Kurth, Dist. 15	984-4951



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