



'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 '05



February, 2005

A New Year, a new face!
Hi, I'm **Betsy Vosburgh**
and you'll be hearing a lot
more from me in the months
ahead. I've been asked to
help coordinate the annual
"Malabar Days," and what

a FUN job it's becoming! Renamed "**Malabar Springfest**," this year's event promises to be bigger and better than the last. Oh, not because I'm involved but because YOU are involved. That's right: I'm here to help you show off your town to the rest of central Florida.

First, make sure you mark the date on your calendar: **Saturday, April 9th**. The hours are **11 a.m. to 6 p.m.** and of course we'll be back at **Malabar Park**. What a GREAT park this is! The park offers so many areas for different types of activities. . .and we plan to fill the park!

This is where you come in: We need craft, food and business **vendors**. We also need those with exotic (or not so exotic) **animals** to help coordinate a Malabar animal farm. Play **music**? Sing and dance? Let us know; we might be able to use you,

too! We would like this to really be a hometown festival.

We also could use some **sponsors** and/or **donors** to help defray the costs and provide prizes for our raffle drawings. (I can give you more information on that if you or your company is interested).

And volunteers; we need LOTS of **volunteers**. We need people to make phone calls, transport goods and help out before, during and after Springfest. If you have a few minutes or a few hours to spare, we can use your help.

My job is to coordinate this event and that's what I'd like to do: help all of YOU show how proud you are of the Town of Malabar. I'll be sending out lots of press releases to media throughout central Florida, including newspapers, radio, TV and even online, starting with your town website.

If you'd like more information, you can call Town Hall at 727-7764. If you'd like a vendor, sponsor or donor application, call me at 321-777-2109 or e-mail me at betsy@brevardevents.com. I am honored to be a part of such a vital community event and look forward to working with you!

Regards,

Betsy

The Mayor's Corner

By Tom Eschenberg

This being my first opportunity to communicate with my Malabar neighbors since the election, I would like to thank each of you who supported me. I also thank those who supported one of the other candidates by coming out to vote. Malabar set an example that some other political campaigns would do well to follow. The four candidates for Mayor were friendly and respectful to each other during the campaign and remain so after the election. Our public campaign had no mud slinging or personal attacks. I hope all future political campaigns in Malabar will meet this standard.

Brevard County is growing rapidly and Malabar is no exception. While out on an Eagle Corps patrol recently, I was amazed at the number of new houses going up around town. There are two subdivisions in the works to be developed and condominiums to be built along US 1. I am not anti-growth. What we should have is controlled growth. The Town Council is to be commended for standing firm behind our current zoning which requires new subdivisions to have lots a minimum of one and one half acres. This helps to maintain our rural residential lifestyle.

A few items still continue to be discussed. Purchases in the town by the EEL's program, and paying for Sheriff Department services are both complex issues with opinions on both sides. A new town hall/community center/emergency shelter is in early planning stages. This project would obligate the Town to long term debt. The Valkaria annexation issue has died out again, yet most likely will return as it has done every few years.

It is very important that citizens make their opinions known to their elected officials. I believe it is a citizen's obligation to know what the issues are that affect them and their town. Reading this newsletter helps fulfill that obligation. Phone numbers of your elected officials are listed on the back. Please feel free to contact your council representative or myself to discuss any item in this newsletter.

I look forward to talking with you,

Tom

National Day Of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is the first Thursday of every May. This year it will fall on the 5th of May. Pastor Dan Wilkerson, from the First Baptist Church, will be at Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. to lead us in prayer. This is a time to pray for our Government and its leaders, the media, our educators, the church and our families. Please remember to keep our Troops, at home and abroad, in your prayers. They risk their lives every day so that we all have the freedoms that we have come to know and love. As you all know, we have had many natural disasters in the last several months. We experienced it here in our own backyard and have survived the destruction. However, others around the world were not so fortunate. Let us remember our fellow man in our prayers as well. There are no requirements other than wanting to spend a moment or two in quiet contemplation. If you are able to, please stop by and join us here at Town Hall. Please, take a moment out of your day and pray for all those that you hold near and dear to you.

News from the Building Department

by Debby Franklin

We have lots of news to share with our citizens. The Town of Malabar is on the down side of hurricane repairs. Homeowners will still have permits issued without fees for storm damage only permits. All non-storm related permits applied for will have the normal permitting fees.

We have received all the documentation needed for the final plat approvals for the Oakmont and Stillwater Preserves subdivisions. Oakmont will be located on the south end of Marie Street. Stillwater Preserves will be located on the northwest corner of Corey Road and Malabar Road. With these two subdivisions coming in, we will have an additional 133 homes in our little section of the world.

The Town of Malabar is experiencing a building boom. We have two proposed condominium projects for the south end of town on US #1. We have also been approached for an additional subdivision at the north end of town at Weber and Malabar Roads. We will keep you posted on all of these new developments as time goes on.

Town Happenings . . .

Trash Bash

By Carl Beatty

April 16th is the Keep Brevard Beautiful Trash Bash event. This event will start at 8 am and last till 12 noon. Although it seems like a long way off, it will be upon us before you realize. This year's Saturday morning clean up will be the week after the Town of Malabar's Spring Fest on April 9th. We have scheduled Pelly Can, the Mascot of Keep Brevard Beautiful, to make a guest appearance throughout the Spring Fest. Trash Bash tee shirts will be available for a donation of six dollars. Proceeds from the sale of recycled material and any prize money that we might win is donated to our local Scouting Programs. In the past we have assisted Boy Scout Troup 37, Cub Scout Pack 37 and Girl Scout Troup 1476. Please join us during this community event on Saturday, April 16th. If you would like to lend a hand but can't on the morning of the clean up, call us at 727-7764 so that we may find a way for you to be a part of this expression of civic pride.

Did You Know...?

By Cindi Kelley

Useless information. Stuff you never needed to know but your life would be incomplete without

Fast Facts

- The oldest business in the United States of America is the cymbal company Zildjian which was founded in Constantinople in 1623.
- There are approximately ten million bricks in the Empire State Building.
- From space, the brightest man-made place is Las Vegas, Nevada.

Volunteers Needed

The Malabar Fire Department is looking for volunteers to join our Fire Department. Come on down and help support your town and learn how your Fire Department works. Call 725-1030 to find out when the next training session begins. Training sessions are held on Thursday nights.

Are you interested in learning CPR? If so, call Town Hall at 727-7764. If there is enough interest, the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department will hold a class at Town Hall for town residents.

Mulch From The Town Of Malabar

Due to the vegetation from the hurricanes, the Town of Malabar has mulch available to you. This would be good around your trees and you can make walkways along your property line. If you wish to pick this up yourself, please call Town Hall and make an appointment. We will have a loader available on Fridays. If you would like to the Town to deliver mulch to your home, we will charge a moderate fee of \$15.00 per dump truck load, which is a transportation fee for use of the dump truck. To set this up, please call Town Hall to make arrangements for this service. We will be happy to assist you in this matter.

Passed Ordinances and Resolutions:

These are the Resolutions and Ordinances that passed or failed since the last newsletter.

Res. 15-2004 Budget adjustment for the Utility Fund

Res. 16-2004 Temporarily halting repayment of loan from Utility Fund to General Fund

Stormwater Management: Lawns & Gardens

Decide to use Florida-friendly lawn and garden practices today and you can make a positive difference in your community. Fertilizers run off lawns into local springs, streams, lakes and rivers, and, ultimately, into the Gulf of Mexico. The resulting pollution harms our waterways and the plants and animals that depend on our sparkling water for survival.

Join the community effort to keep our coastal waters clean. It's easy. Here's how:

- Use fertilizers sparingly to reduce nitrate levels. More is not necessarily better. Read and follow all instructions. Excess fertilizer washing off lawns is a major source of stormwater pollution.
- Do not fertilize when storm events are forecast. This will reduce the level of nutrients washing into our water systems.
- Select slow-release fertilizers. They are kinder to the environment and they are more cost effective. Nitrates from slow-release sources are more likely to be used by plants and less likely to leach out or wash away in stormwater runoff.

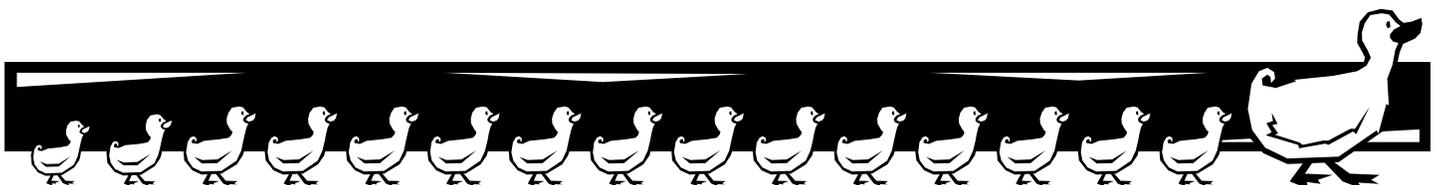
Your efforts will help reduce groundwater nitrate levels now and for the future. At the same time, you will be doing your part to preserve the springs, lakes, rivers, bays and wildlife ñ the things that brought you to Florida's west central coast.

For more information about ways to protect our water, contact the Southwest Florida Water Management District - the agency responsible for managing your water resources. Call 1-800-423-1476, ext. 4612, or visit our web site at www.swfwmd.state.fl.us.

Fertilizer Facts:

- Fertilizer is not plant food. Food for plants comes from the sugars the plant makes through photosynthesis. Fertilizer nutrients are used in this process, but a lawn or plant growing poorly in too much shade will not grow better if fertilized.
- The truth about "100 percent organic" is that it often refers to the nitrogen in the bag. Further more, the nitrogen can be derived from natural products, such as manure, or it can be from synthetic chemicals, such as urea. Read the label to determine where the "organic" nitrogen is coming from.
- Make fertilizer selections based on need. Many fertilizers contain a number of plant nutrients, even though only one or two may be needed. What plant response do you want? Greener growth? More flowers or fruits? Decide which nutrients will give you what you want and then buy only those.
- When fertilizer nutrients are in "slow-release" forms, they are available to plants over a longer period of time and less nutrients are wasted or lost as pollutants. Look for these terms on the product or fertilizer bags:
 1. Time-released, slow-release or controlled-release.
 2. Water insoluble nitrogen, activated sludge, sulfur-coated urea (SCU), Isobutylidenediurea (IBDU), Ureaform (UF), Nitroform, or polymer-, plastic-, or resin-coated urea.

Remember to fertilize only when needed to maintain the health of lawns and plants. Do not exceed the rate of 1 pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet per application.



AT THE PARK

by Hans Kemmler

The Malabar Parks & Recreation Board has been evaluating playground equipment for installation at Malabar Community Park for about six months. We had no idea that playground equipment could come in so many variations. We fielded presentations from five different companies, and in the process, we learned a lot about modern playground equipment. We discovered and debated all sorts of concepts we hadn't known about, including ADA requirements for access to play items, transfer stations, fall zones, ground fill material and a lot more.

In December, we gave the Town Council our recommendation on the equipment we thought was best for our park. They voted to accept our recommendation at the January 3, 2005 meeting. The following week a purchase order was placed to order and install the equipment. Within the next six weeks, the playground equipment, costing approximately \$88,000.00, will be installed at the Malabar Community Park. The playground should be complete long before our celebration of Malabar Springfest on April 9, 2005.

The playground will be situated near the lake between the ball field and tennis courts. It will include a large play set with all kinds of slides and climbing/balancing features. There will be two swing set bays, one with two strap swings and the other with two toddler swings. There will be a three-chain tire swing also. Above all this, a shade structure will be built to keep most of the play set out of the sun most of the time. Benches and trash receptacles will be included.

We think this will be a fine addition to our park and invite you to come down and take her for a spin. Come and enjoy your tax dollars and FRDAP grant money at work this spring at Malabar Community Park, which is next to the fire station.

EAGLE CORPS CITIZEN PATROL

by Nancy Conklin

HELLO MALABAR RESIDENTS!

We are happy to report we have six (6) new Eagle Patrol members - as of the beginning of this New Year. That's twelve (12) additional eyes overseeing our town!

Night patrols have been added to our schedule and are in full swing. Have you seen us driving around your area?

Compliments to those of you who cleaned out overgrown hedges and unnecessary growth around your homes. It is so much easier to see your place as we drive by now.

Chocoholics say "one can never eat enough of the stuff" - and your Eagle Patrol says "we can always use more volunteers." Does that make us "Eagle eyelics"??

Until next time, we'll keep watchin'.

Useful Telephone Numbers to Have on Hand

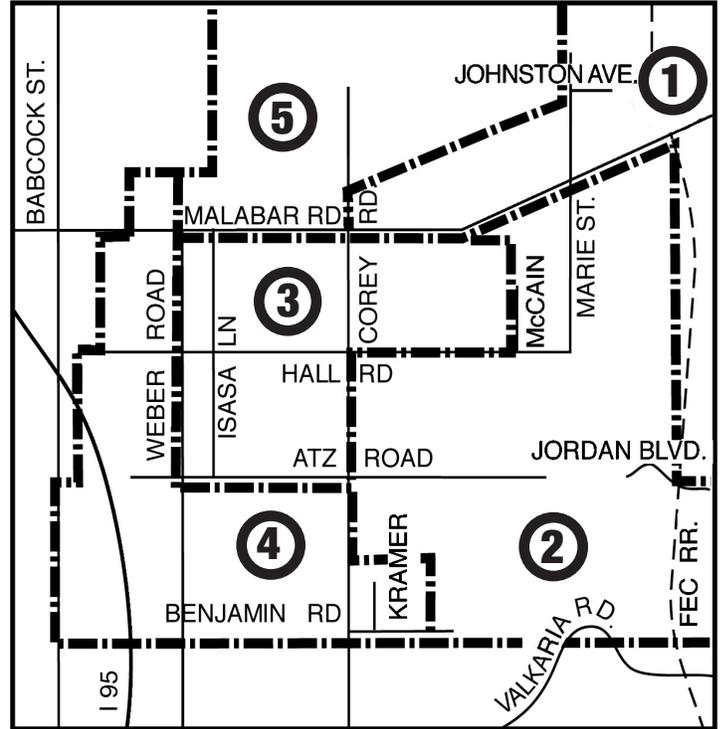
Here are several numbers that may be of use to you. Cut these numbers out and place in your address books. You might need them one day. They are:

Animal Control	(321) 633-2024
Brevard County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number	(321) 952-6371
Brevard County Offices main #, ask for dept.	(321) 633-2000
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Helpline (info., referral & crisis intervention)	2-1-1
Waste Management	(321) 723-4455

Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Frank Hickson 2490 Nord St.	722-3882
District 2	Brian Vail 2700 Smith Lane	952-9110
District 3	Steve Rivet 2005 Rivet Lane	956-6551
District 4	Bobbi Moccia 3135 Kramer Lane	722-3447
District 5	Bob Rossman 1635 Country Cove Cr.	729-9444
Mayor	Tom Eschenberg 2835 Beran Lane	724-1007
Town Administrator	Ed Booth Town Hall	727-7764
Town Clerk/ Treasurer	Susan Kabana Town Hall	727-7764
Town Fax		722-2234
County Comm.	Helen Voltz, Dist. 3	952-6300



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