



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.

Mandatory Solid Waste Collection Ordinance Passes

At the June 17th Council Meeting, the Malabar Town Council voted 4-1 to approve Ordinance 96-5, Mandatory Solid Waste Collection.

What does that mean to you?

To the people who already subscribe to Harris Sanitation, it means very little, but to those who do not subscribe, it will have an impact. Harris Sanitation is under contract with the Town of Malabar for solid waste pickup and there are about 20% of the residents who do not pay for this service. To control the problem of illegal dumping and to provide for the public health, safety and welfare, as well as the welfare of wildlife and fish, the Council passed this ordinance which requires all residents of Malabar to pay for garbage and trash pickup.

If you are a citizen who uses the county dump and recycle facilities, then you may ask the Council for a special exemption to the ordinance. Each of these will be looked at on a case-to-case basis.

What will happen if you do not pay for solid waste pickup and do not apply for a special exemption?

There will be a fine of \$50 for the first violation, and the second violation will be a \$500 fine. If you would like to review this ordinance, it is available in the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours. There is a small fee required if you would like a copy.

Recycling is More Than a habit... It's a Way of Life!

Put the following recyclables in your bins:

ALUMINUM CANS

Aluminum beverage cans & pet food cans can go in the bin.

NEWSPAPERS

All newspaper including shiny inserts can go in the bin, but NO magazines.

GLASS FOOD JARS & BEVERAGE BOTTLES

Clear, green, brown and blue glass is okay. NO ceramics, oven cookware, or drinking glasses.

PLASTIC BOTTLES

To determine which plastic bottles to put in your bin, look on the bottom of the bottle for the Plastic Resin Identification Symbol.

PETE 1 or HDPE 2 plastic bottles (look on the bottom) can go in the bin EXCEPT for motor or cooking oil, and hazardous chemicals such as antifreeze or pool chemicals. These contaminants affect the quality of the recycled plastic.

Remember:

- Please rinse your aluminum, glass, and plastic containers.
- Throw away the caps, lids or pumps.
- It is not necessary to remove the labels.
- Put your bins at your curb by 6:00 A.M. on your collection day.



Call the Brevard County Recycling Hotline, 633-2043, if you have questions, need a bin, or your collection was missed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

Our Malabar Community Park is rapidly coming together. We are hoping to have most of the construction finished in time for Malabar Day on October 19, 1996. This park has been funded by various State grants. The Rugby group has started to construct the soccer fields. The fitness trail has been ordered to be installed around the Damon Arnold Lake. Public Works has begun installation of a parking lot where Brevard County and the Brevard County EEL (Environmentally Endangered Lands) Committee are constructing a restroom facility. We were recently notified that we were awarded a grant funded by the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for the construction of six (6) pavilions complete with picnic tables and benches within the park. They will certainly enhance the development and enjoyment of the park. In addition, we have awarded the Native Tree Landscape project to Technical Ground Services. They will soon begin installing 124 native trees (10 different types) throughout the park, once the planting areas are raised to the required level with fill dirt. This project is also funded through a grant we were awarded by the Department of Agriculture.



owners along Atz Road being in favor of the paving project.

Our Fire Department is keeping very busy restoring two (2) Brush Fire Trucks and a heavy Utility Rescue Truck recently loaned to us by the Division of Forestry. We get to keep them and use them as long as they are maintained and kept operating. The Fire Department has just completed construction of a 25' x 50' metal building behind the Fire Station. This building will be used for maintenance of vehicles and storage. It was built with funds earned with their Fund Raisers. Thank you Malabar Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.!

Thank you for your time,

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

William Hall



Our 3rd Annual Malabar Day will be held at the Community Park on Saturday, October 19, 1996. This event is intended to bring all Malabar residents together for a social event. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to bring your favorite covered dish or baked goods to share. We will have local entertainment, arts and crafts, games, volleyball, pony rides, hamburgers, hotdogs, beer and soda.

If you have an art or craft to demonstrate or sell, please call Town Hall to reserve a table. This is a great time to meet your neighbors and Town representatives.

We are required by the Department of Environmental Protection to perform sampling tests for lead and copper levels on city supplied water to our residents. Our samples were collected in November, 1995 and March, 1996. We are happy to report the test results were well below the action levels for lead and copper. Malabar is committed to providing a safe and reliable source of drinking water to our residents on city water.

Brookshire Circle and Hollow Brook Lane in the subdivision of Brook Hollow have been resurfaced.

We are receiving questions concerning the paving of Atz Road between Weber and Corey Roads. This was planned for this year. However, when Brevard County Commissioners voted to discontinue the collection of commercial Impact Fees, that caused a reduction in the amount we have for paving. However, we are still collecting residential Impact Fees at a lower rate and those fees are being set aside for paving. At the current collection rate we may be able to schedule Atz Road paving within one (1) year, based on a majority of the property

Historical Society

On March 4, 1996, the Town Council of the Town of Malabar recognized the establishment of the Malabar Historical Society. Jorilet Paets heads up the retention of archives. She wishes to inform the towns people that the society would be glad to have any input from them including photographs and newspaper clippings. Please call Town Hall at 727-7764 and leave a message. Jorilet will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Town Happenings . . .

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Harris Sanitation is under contract to the Town of Malabar to provide our citizens with garbage and trash pickup service. You can call them at 723-4455 for information and rates. They provide household garbage pickup on Wednesdays and Saturdays and yard waste pickup on Thursdays. It is important to place household garbage in either reusable standard garbage containers or plastic bags of sufficient strength; plastic bags CAN NOT be used for yard trash. All yard trash must be placed in reusable containers, the total weight of which can not exceed 50 pounds, or neatly stacked piles by the curbside in bundles of no more than 50 pounds and no longer than 4 feet in length. Harris is not responsible for any other container that may be discarded with the garbage or trash. It is important not to commingle household trash with yard trash. Large items or large piles of debris will require a special pickup. Call 723-4455 to request.

The recycle truck collects on Saturdays. They supply the recycling containers. Items that are recyclable are aluminum, plastic, glass and newspaper. Approximately half of Harris' customers in Malabar recycle, accounting for more than 215,000 pounds of material collected last year. Let's all try and practice the 3 r's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

The County Solid Waste Management Department also offers a Household Hazardous Waste Roundup twice a year, in the spring and fall. If you have questions regarding disposal options you can call 633-2043.

TRASH BASH WINNER FOR 2nd YEAR IN A ROW !!!

Harris once again cosponsored with Keep Florida Beautiful the annual Trash Bash this past April. Malabar won first place for District III! Malabar had a tremendous turn out with 28 volunteers! Many thanks to the individuals and organizations that participated in this event.



Gun Ordinance

In the last newsletter, we asked your opinion on whether you thought the Town should pursue drafting a gun ordinance that would regulate the discharge of firearms within the Town limits. We would like to report that we got many phone calls and several in person visits from residents voicing their opinion. Of those responding to our survey, the results indicate that no drafting of a gun ordinance is desired at this time. Should this subject be addressed in the future, we will inform you via this newsletter. Many thanks to all who responded.

MALABAR COMMUNITY PARK

The park being developed behind the fire station is officially known as Malabar Community Park. The lake in the Park has been named the Damon-Arnold Lake. As work progresses on the park, informational signs on the history of the Towns elders will be going up.

Rugby Fields

A professional team of Rugby Players has volunteered to help with the construction of the soccer fields in our Malabar Community Park. We are thankful for their assistance as the project is estimated to require 500 loads of fill and a lot of labor. Rugby is the English game of football in which play is continuous without time-outs or substitutions; interference and forward passing are not permitted. Kicking, dribbling, lateral passing and tackling are featured. Both soccer and rugby can be played as the field requirements are much the same with a rugby field being slightly larger.

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 7:00 pm.

All meetings take place at Town Hall.

Clerk's Corner

It's not too early to prepare for the upcoming election on November 5th. Malabar has three seats up for election, District 1, 2, & 3. Currently District 1 is held by Dave Morey, who finished out the term for Phil Crews. Julane Kikla holds the District 2 seat and John Detwiler is in the District 3 seat. Each seat is for a two year term ending in November 1998. If you are interested in running for office, candidate qualifying begins on September 6, 1996, and ends on September 20, 1996. The Town Charter states that in order to run you must be a resident of the Town for at least six months prior to the qualifying date. Also, you must present to the Town Clerk a petition containing at least 15 valid signatures from residents of your district. To locate your district, turn to the map on page 6 of this newsletter.

Old Schoolhouse

There is a schoolhouse on Marie Street that was constructed in 1926. It is on 2.4 acres of land adjacent to the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary. The owner has offered it for sale to the Town of Malabar for \$175,000.00. An appraiser has suggested its value is \$125,000.00. We have estimates of \$250,000.00 to restore the building. Historical funds are available for half of the purchase price and half of the restoration cost. Planning & Zoning and Councilmembers have viewed the site and as yet have made no official decision. The purpose of this article is to obtain opinions from the citizens of Malabar.



Please bear in mind that this is not a "done deal." Any action will need to be approved by Council and will be influenced by the wishes of Malabar residents. Some of the options suggested are as follows:

1. Purchase the property with 50% funds from Historical Grants; for its historical value.
2. Purchase the property for use as Community Center and allow for rentals.
3. Purchase the property for use as a Town Hall.
4. Purchase the property and allow fund raisers to complete renovations.

5. Build a new Town Hall on another property and use the old Town Hall for a Community Center and not purchase the schoolhouse.
6. Other options suggested by Malabar residents?
7. Disregard all the above options and do nothing at this time.

Please call Town Hall with your comments at 727-7764.

Ordinances and Resolutions

An ordinance is the official, legislative action of a governing body, which is a regulation of a general and permanent nature and enforceable as a local law. Malabar's Code Book is a compilation of the Ordinances passed by the various Councils over the years.

A resolution means the expression of a governing body concerning matters of administration or a provision for the disposition of a particular item of the administrative business of the governing body.

Proposed resolutions and ordinances are always listed on the Council agenda. The agendas are posted for public inspection the Friday before a Council meeting at the Post Office and also in the glass case outside Town Hall. Council meetings are usually the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.

Happy Trails

The following article is reprinted from the Brevard Transportation Update, May, 1996.

Malabar is working with a citizen's group to provide recommendations for biking, hiking and horse trails connecting several public properties near Turkey Creek in northwest Malabar.

As part of the Preservation 2000 Greenways Program, Malabar was recently awarded \$2 million to acquire property south of Turkey Creek. The site is adjacent to the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary acquired through the county's Environmentally Endangered Lands program. A site for a proposed park is nearby.

The committee's task was to lay out a series of bicycle, hiking and horse trails that could connect the sites while balancing environmental preservation objectives. This could serve as a local prototype for developing recreational systems that allow enjoyment of environmentally sensitive lands while minimizing intrusion and disruption. Funds are not currently available to construct paths.

Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is here. Now is the time to prepare for a hurricane. Don't make the costly mistake of waiting until it is too late. Here are some tips that will assist you in preparing for a hurricane long before it strikes:

Keep insurance policies for your car, house, boat, health and life insurance in a safe place such as a safety deposit box or a sturdy waterproof container that can be retrieved after the storm.

Trim tree branches near your home or close to your driveway at the beginning of the season.

Windows should be boarded or storm shutters installed. At the very least, tape all windows to reduce glass shattering.

Stay inside with doors closed and away from windows.

Turn off circuit breakers and use a flashlight rather than candles or kerosene lamps.

Keep extra batteries and a battery operated radio with you during the storm.

Keep any medications in a safe, dry place.

Fill your bathtub with clean water before the storm.

Let a family member or neighbor know where you intend to go if you evacuate.

Here is a list of items that you will need in the event of a hurricane:

Non perishable food	Flashlights
Trash bags	First-aid kit
Cash	Insect repellent
Batteries	Bottled water
Water jugs	Matches
Toiletries	Duct tape
Battery powered radio	Cooler
Manual can opener	Gas for grill
Fire extinguisher	Rope

Kevin Bouley, Fire Marshal

from the desk of...

Hurricane season is upon us once again. I believe that all the problems that arose during last year's season have been addressed and appropriate corrections have been made. If you know someone who is elderly or lives alone or who would need assistance during an evacuation please have them call either Town Hall (727-7764) or the Fire Department (725-1030) so that we can keep our list up to date.

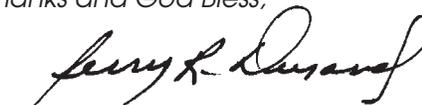


In our 'good deeds' column I would like to recognize Paul Marpil, the proprietor of Kempfers Feed Store on Malabar Road for the tremendous job he has done on renovating the building. The Parks Board took on a beautification project for the Malabar corridor between the railroad tracks and Marie Street and much progress has been noted. At the time the project was being put together, Paul was out there working on his building! Way to go, Paul!

I would also like to recognize the residents who call in or write and compliment our staff for a job well done. It is refreshing to hear positive feedback in what sometimes seems a very negative environment. We have a very competent staff who handle the day to day operations of Malabar and always have Malabar's best interest in mind. We are indeed very fortunate.

Lastly, I would like to thank the residents who call in and offer their assistance to help the elderly or infirmed with chores around their homes; and those who step forward and participate in picking up litter around the Town; and those who take the time in their day to stop and help round up loose horses on Malabar Road. What a great community we live in!

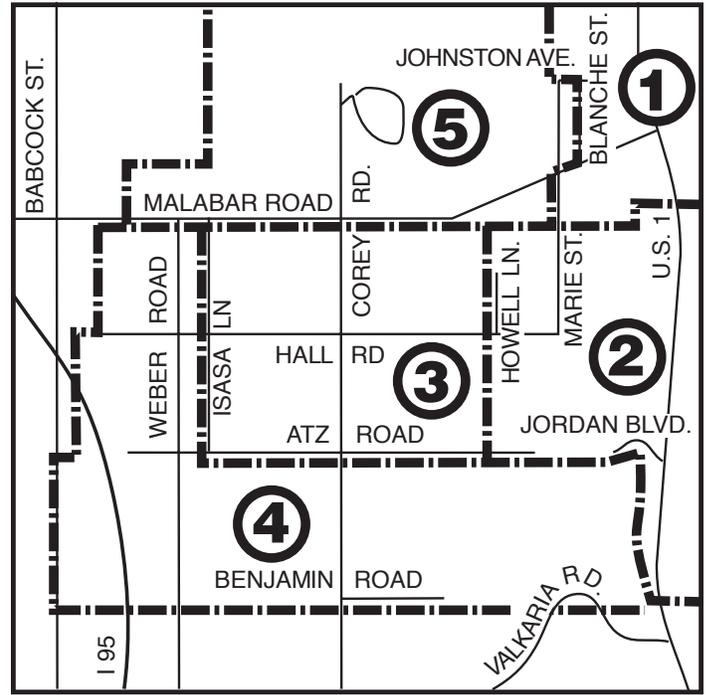
Thanks and God Bless,


Mayor Jerry R. Durand, Chairman

Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Dave 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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