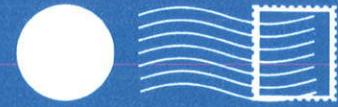




# THE MAILBOAT



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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.

## HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>- NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

### INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW:

**A**s you all know, hurricane season is here. We all know the damage and devastation that these storms can cause. Here is some basic information regarding hurricane precautions, preparations and safety issues. Also provided, on page 2, are a list of items for a hurricane shelter and a disaster supply kit.

#### Before Hurricane Season starts:

- Check your insurance policy for the proper coverage. If you are not sure of the coverage, call your insurance company and express your concerns. They will be able to provide you with advice on this matter.
- Know the hurricane risks in your area; determine whether you live in a potential flood zone.
- If you have a generator make sure it is operational and you have fuel supply.
- Know where the hurricane shelters are in your area.
- Prepare a personal evacuation plan with your family.
- Trim your trees and shrubs.
- Buy plywood or shutters to protect the doors and windows of your home.
- Make sure that your emergency equipment (flashlights & battery operated radios) are working. Make sure you have enough batteries on hand.
- Make sure that you have enough non-perishable food and water for a two-week period. The electric could be off for some time. Also, make sure that you have a hand-held can opener. This is very important if your electric is not functioning.

#### Before the Storm:

- Listen to the radio frequently for official bulletins of

the storm's progress.

- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Have extra cash on hand.
- Inspect and make sure your home is as secure as you can make it.
- Check your non-perishable food and water supply and stock up as quickly as you can.
- Fill all of your sinks and bathtubs with water. This will come in handy for bathing and flushing toilets, especially those of us with well/septic system homes.
- Cover all windows and doors with shutters or other shielding materials.
- Check batteries, first aid supplies and medications that you may need during the storm.
- If you are low on your prescription medications, call your doctor immediately so that you have time to get the prescriptions from the pharmacy. This is a very important issue.
- Bring all lightweight objects, such as garbage cans, garden tools, toys, and lawn furniture inside. This will keep these items from flying if the winds are strong and causing damage to someone else's property.

#### During the Storm:

- Listen closely to the radio for official bulletins as to the storms progress.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials. **LEAVE IMMEDIATELY IF TOLD TO DO SO!**
- If you are evacuating, leave, if possible, during daylight hours. Stay with friends/relatives, stay at a low-rise inland hotel/motel, or go to a pre-designated public shelter outside a flood zone.

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## Hurricane Information (con't from page 1)

- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- If you are evacuating, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PETS BEHIND.** If you can, find a shelter that will allow you to bring your pets, whether it's a shelter or another means of shelter.
- Move to a safe area before you are cut off by floodwaters.
- Turn off all propane tanks.
- Unplug all small appliances and shut down any and all computers. Make sure that your computer equipment is placed high up off the floor and you may want to cover it in plastic as extra protection.
- If you are staying in your home, turn your refrigerator to the coldest setting and leave it closed.

### After the Storm:

- Listen to the radio for official bulletins of the storm.
- Keep abreast of road conditions through the media. Wait until an area has been declared safe before entering.
- Do not attempt to drive across flowing water. As little as 6" of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle – 2 feet of water can carry most cars away.
- Stay away from standing water. It may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Have professionals check gas, water and electrical lines and appliances for damage.
- Use a flashlight for emergency lighting. Never use candles and other open flames indoors.

- Use tap water for drinking and cooking **only when officials say it is safe to do so.**
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

### What to Bring to a Shelter:

- First-aid kit
- Prescription medicines
- Baby food & diapers
- Cards, games, books
- Toiletries
- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlight (one per person)
- Extra batteries
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Identification
- Credit card or cash
- Valuable papers (insurance)

### A Disaster Supplies Kit Should Include:

- 3-day supply of water (1 gal. per person/day)
- Prescription medicines
- Emergency tools and hand-held can opener
- One blanket or sleeping bag (per person)
- Flashlight, extra batteries
- Non-perishable food
- Extra set/car keys & credit card or cash
- One change of clothes & shoes per person
- Battery-powered NWR\*\* and portable radio
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members

\*\*NWR=National Weather Radio

*Please put this portion of the newsletter in a safe place, and pull it out as a handy reminder checklist for you. In time of emergencies, when everyone is rushed to get things completed and prepared, it is not easy to remember all that we need to take with us or the things that need to be taken care before we have to leave our homes. Use these lists as gentle reminders in times of hurricane emergencies.*

## WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING NEWS

Single-streaming Recycling: All of your recyclables can be placed in the same cart. No separating necessary but please rinse!

**PAPER** – newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, envelopes with & without windows, telephone books and brown paper bags. **Please, no plastic bags or films.**

**CARDBOARD** – milk & juice cartons, paper towel & toilet paper rolls, paperboard food boxes, aseptic boxes, corrugated cardboard boxes. **Please flatten all boxes.**



**ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS** – this includes aluminum and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, clean foil and aluminum food pans. **Please rinse.**

**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS** – glass bottles and jars only, all colors. Please, no drinking glasses, window glass or ceramic cookware. **Please rinse.**

**ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES** – a bottle is any container that has a neck smaller than the base. You may now leave the caps and pumps on the bottles. **Please rinse. NO** motor oil, pesticides, anti-freeze or pool chemical bottles.

# News Around Town . . .

## CANDIDATE QUALIFYING INFORMATION

The time for candidate qualifying is upon us once again. If you have a desire to guide Malabar into the future, now is the time to act. The Council Member seats for **District 4** and **District 5** are up for election this November. If you live in either District 4 or 5, and you are eligible, you can become a candidate for Council Member. Candidate qualifying begins on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am and closes on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

To qualify, you must be at least 18 years of age, a registered voter in Malabar and have resided in Malabar for at least 12 months. Qualifying consists of obtaining 15 signatures of registered voters from your district and filling out the necessary paperwork. Confused about what district you live in? Look at the map on the back of this newsletter to determine your district.

The Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:30pm with additional workshops and special meetings as needed during the year. Each term is for two years; for more information and to pick up a candidate qualifying packet, please stop by the Town Clerk's office.

Remember that though you need to live within your district to qualify as a candidate for one of the open seats, in Malabar, we vote "at large" which means that all registered voters in Malabar (regardless of what district you live in) will vote on all seats in November.

## Town Administrator to Retire

Bonilyn Wilbanks has served as Town Administrator for the Town of Malabar since April 2007. She submitted her notice last month that she intends to retire in mid August and focus on other endeavors like writing and teaching. She also does volunteer work at the hospital, which she intends to continue. We wish her all the best.



The Town started advertising for a replacement early this month and will keep the recruitment window open until July 15. Council will appoint 12 members to join them as part of the Administrator Selection Committee to review the applications and conduct the interviews.

## BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We have positions available on our Park & Recreation Board, Planning & Zoning Board, Board of Adjustment and the Trails & Greenways Committee. To qualify for a position on a board or committee, you must be a registered Malabar elector and have lived in Malabar for a minimum of one (1) year. Here is a break-down of the board/committee meeting dates and times:

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** – meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. There is one (1) regular and two (2) alternate positions available at this time.

**Planning & Zoning Advisory Board** – meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. There is one (1) alternate position available at this time.

**Trails & Greenways Committee** – meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. There are two (2) alternate positions available at this time.

**Board of Adjustments** – meets on an as needed basis and each meeting is coordinated as it comes up. There are two (2) alternate positions at this time.

### Attention all Malabar Land Owners

The Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Board would like to invite all Residents to our 7:30 pm meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. We are in discussions of the 'Future' Land Use maps and have updated many lots on Babcock St., Malabar Rd., & U.S. Hwy. 1 to Residential/Limited Commercial (R/LC) or Office Institutional (OI) Zoning.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and would greatly appreciate any and all input. Can't make it to the meetings? Please email your questions or comments to Denine, our P&Z Board Secretary at [dsherear@townofmalabar.org](mailto:dsherear@townofmalabar.org) and she will pass it on to us. Thank You, Liz Ritter, Vice-Chair, Planning and Zoning Board.

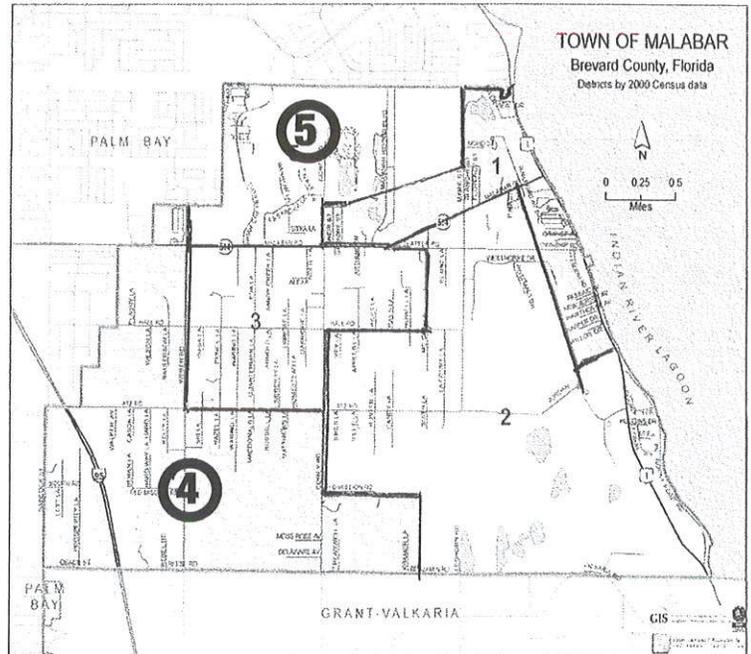
## VIAL OF LIFE PROJECT

This is a project that helps emergency personnel provide speedy and accurate treatment when responding to your home. The vials are available at Town Hall as well as the Fire Department and explain what information should be provided. Stop by and pick up a vial or two for your household. It could help save precious time when responding to emergency situations.

## Know Your Representatives on Council

The Council members to the left represent these districts:

<b>District 1:</b>	Grant Ball • 1190 Highway 1 727-1500 GrantBall2014@gmail.com
<b>District 2:</b>	Brian Vail • 2700 Smith Lane 543-3821 B.VailTownofMalabar@yahoo.com
<b>District 3:</b>	Don Krieger • 2345 Lineberry Lane 724-2143 DonK.Malabar@gmail.com
<b>District 4:</b>	Dick Korn • 3115 Weber Rd. 288-9402 dickkorn@bellsouth.net
<b>District 5:</b>	Marisa Acquaviva • 1120 Baywood Court 693-4172 marisa-cq@msn.com
<b>Mayor:</b>	Carl Beatty • 2944 Century Oaks Circle 514-8623 beattyCarl@aol.com
<b>Town Admin/ Code Enforc.</b>	Bonilyn Wilbanks bwfree@townofmalabar.org Town Hall 727-7764 x13
<b>Town Clerk/ Treasurer</b>	Debby Franklin Town Hall 727-7764 x12 townclerk@townofmalabar.org
<b>Town Fax</b>	727-9997
<b>County Comm.</b>	Trudie Infantini, Dist. 3 952-6300 d3.commissioner@brevardcounty.us
<b>St. John's River Water Mgmt District</b>	<a href="http://www.sjrwmd.com">www.sjrwmd.com</a>



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