



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.

ELECTION 1995



Incumbent
Jerry Durand, Mayor



Open
Dist. 1



Incumbent
Yovone Razor, Dist. 4



Open
Dist. 5

The Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Malabar represent 6 individuals with different beliefs and personalities, but with one common interest at heart — THE BETTERMENT OF MALABAR. This is a group of people who work every week at full-time jobs but still have the dedication to take care of Town Business. Have you thought, "I could run the Town better" or "Why don't they . . .?" The time to act is now. Qualifying begins at noon on Sept. 8th and closes at noon on the 22nd.

You must be a registered voter in the State of Florida and a resident of Malabar for 3 years (Mayor) or 6 months (Council) in the district for which you wish to run. A candidate's packet can be obtained from the Town Clerk which contains a petition form on which you will need to obtain 10 signatures of registered voters from the Town of Malabar. Other requirements will be reviewed with you when you pick up your packet.

Four seats will be open in the election this fall. They are the "at-large" Mayor's Seat, the position now held by Jerry Durand. Also District #1 Seat previously held by Phillip Crews who resigned recently due to health reasons; District #4 Seat now held by Yovone Razor; and District #5 Seat now held by Connie Chiles-Cooke.

The term of office is two years. Neither the Mayor nor the Council Members receive any compensation as stated in the current Town Charter.

Town district boundaries are posted in front of Town Hall, in Town Hall, and at the Post Office on Malabar Road. The last page of the newsletter also shows the 5 Districts for Malabar Township. We appreciate your interest in Malabar, and are here to assist you should you decide to become more involved with Town business.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

I am sure you will want to visit Huggins Park soon to try out our newly installed playground equipment and have a picnic on the new tables. Within the next month, we will also have a grill for those that feel like cooking out. Huggins Park is located at the north end of Florence Street.



Cleanup is still ongoing from Hurricane Erin. Harris Sanitation assigned private contractors to help collect the huge amounts of yard trash left by the storm in our Town. We experienced flooding on some roads, especially Hall Road and Atz Road. Public Works crews are working on improving the drainage in these areas and filling in the low spots in the roads. We have a small staff in Malabar, so an event such as Erin taxes our workload. I want to thank the personnel for their outstanding work throughout the storm. These men and women braved the elements to protect your homes during the storm and worked to the best of their ability on the requests for assistance.

A special thanks goes out to our Volunteer Fire Department who remained on duty throughout the storm and worked tirelessly after the storm helping where they were needed. A very special thanks to resident Skip Hard who called shortly after the storm had passed and offered to help in any way he could, from cleaning out ditches to cutting up fallen trees on private property. And, thanks to the all the residents for your patience. Hopefully we have all learned from this experience so that we may do even better during future storms.

Phil Crews, our District 1 Councilman, has resigned due to health problems. We will miss his participation. Phil did an excellent job and was a super person to work with.

I continue to be available to answer questions or comments citizens may have. Please write, call (727-7764), or stop by my office located in the Town Hall.

Thank you for your time,


William Hall

from the desk of . . .

Thanks again to the staff, Public Works and the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for a job well done during the hurricane. We were truly blessed by the lack of injury, damage and havoc so common with these storms. It is a great comfort to our citizens knowing that there are qualified people available and in charge. We are currently studying and revamping our Hurricane Preparedness Policy.



Still, some of our people were left without power until the Sunday after, and we hope that this will be addressed and corrected in our new policy, to get status and action faster from FPL. They have pledged to do so.

I would like to start a regular column in our newsletter that focuses on the positive in our community. I would like to recognize a citizen of the month (three in each newsletter), and I need your help. If you know someone who has assisted others, done a good deed quietly or is a special hero in the Town, notify Town Hall, and we will honor him or her with a thank you and an article.

I'll begin. On or about the first of July, I left my cellular phone on the back of my truck, and thanks to an honest and observant Malabar citizen, the phone was returned in less than an hour without fanfare. His name is Rick Walker of 2155 Corey Road. Thank you Rick Walker of Aquatic Gardening by Water Colors for your honesty and helpfulness.

Thank you citizens of Malabar for making Malabar the most desirable place in Brevard County to live.

Thanks and God bless,

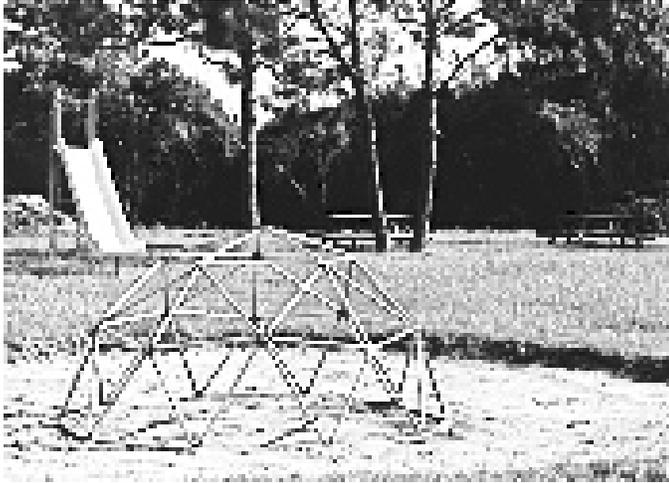

Jerry Durand, Mayor

**Remember - School
is back in
session
Drive slowly and
drive safely.**

Town Happenings . . .

HUGGINS PARK

Huggins is a passive, neighborhood park which is inhabited by our native Scrub Jays. Since we are in the process of upgrading the park, we know many more people will want to take advantage of its facilities. Please enjoy the park and remember to respect its permanent tenants, the Scrub Jays. If you notice any abuses at the park, please call Town Hall. It's our park so let's take care of it together.



Malabar Cemetery Update

Beginning the last weekend of July, Boy Scout Troop #365 has been clearing and cleaning the cemetery as an Eagle Scout Project. They discovered several grave markers and headstones buried by debris. So far, one quarter of the cemetery has been cleared. Thanks to Woody's Bar-B-Q and the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department for the lunches and drinks they have supplied. Thanks also to Bufftech, Inc. of Buffalo, NY for the donation of 200' of PVC fence. Installation of the fence will be donated by American Fence of Melbourne.

Council Chairwoman Yovone Rasor, her husband Gary, and their daughter Alexis have spent a great deal of time helping the scouts at the cemetery. Their work is greatly appreciated by the Town of Malabar and we hope more residents will donate their time, lunches, etc. to this fine community project.

For more information, please call John Kelvington at 727-7771.

Hayride

The Malabar Volunteer Fire Department's major fund-raiser — THE HAYRIDE — is back! It is sponsored by the MVFD and is scheduled for October 20-22 and 27-31 this year. The rides will run from 7-11 P.M. Come join the FUN! The MVFD is looking for donations and volunteers for this event. Use of a tractor or use of your muscle will be appreciated. Call 725-1030 and leave a message for Vicki.

Meet Someone from Your Hometown

The annual gathering and membership drive for the Pittsburgh Club will be held October 8th at the large pavilion at Wickham Park in north Melbourne. The event brings people together with the purpose of meeting folks from your own hometown or state. The festivities are scheduled to run from 12 noon until 6 P.M. at a cost of \$3.00 which includes membership to the club and drinks. Bring a covered dish and, if you wish, something to grill. The turnout is expected to be around 300. Come on out and join the FUN! For more information, please call the club president at 724-0589.

ATV Alert!

Once again it has been brought to our attention that there has been extensive use of ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) on public roads and private land. These vehicles are not licensed for public road usage. If apprehended by the Sheriff's Department, an individual may incur a fine and it may influence their future driving record.

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.

TOWN SERVICES

GOVERNMENT

The Town operates under a Town Council form of government. The Mayor and five Council Members, each having a term of two years, are elected on a nonpartisan basis. The Town Council is responsible for formulating policies, enacting ordinances to carry out those policies, setting tax rates and approving the annual budget. The Town Administrator, appointed by the Town Council, is the chief administrator of the Town and carries out Town business and directions of the Council.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

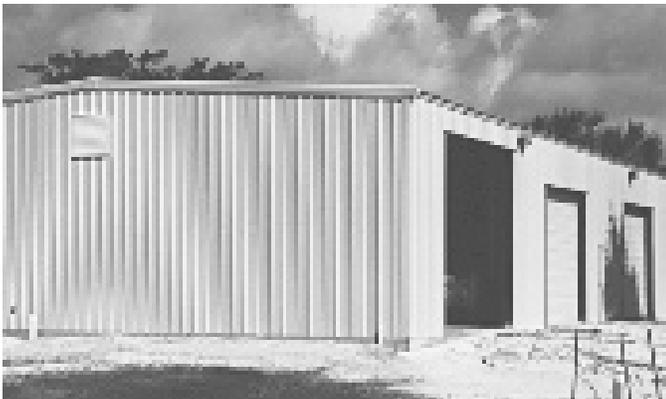
The Town Clerk provides administrative support for the Council, Boards and Committees and other departments. It is the clerk's responsibility to supervise all municipal elections, issue occupational licenses and building permits, coordinate the financial operations of the Town and to be custodian of the Town's official records.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Department receives and processes all applications for building permits and occupational licenses. It provides inspections for all construction activities to assure compliance with Town ordinances as well as the Standard Building Code.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintenance of all approved Town roads, storm drainage and Town parks. Public Works also maintains the public buildings and grounds.



VOTER REGISTRATION

You may register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or will be on Election Day, and a permanent resident of Brevard County (proof of age and residency is required). Malabar residents are

in Precinct 7 and will vote at the First Baptist Church of Malabar located at 1665 Malabar Road. If you wish to vote in the election this fall, you may pick up voter registration forms at Town Hall, complete them and mail them back to the Supervisor of Elections by October 6th. The postmarked date will be the date of receipt. Your card will be mailed to you shortly thereafter.

MALABAR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town's Fire Department, made up of volunteers, provides fire suppression and fire prevention programs. They also provide the Town with rescue services. During the recent hurricane they evacuated residents in mobile parks and any elderly citizens who wished to go to shelters.

Building Department/ Code Enforcement

The Town of Malabar has put together a comprehensive set of codes to address present and future land development within the Town. These rules, regulations and restrictions are designed to improve the quality of life for those who reside in Malabar and for those who will reside here in the future. It has become clear that most of the residential building code violations are due to lack of knowledge as to what can and can't be done without a permit.

Listed below are commonly undertaken home improvement projects that require permits: barns, sheds, out buildings, fences, reroofing, shingling, screened rooms, culverts, electrical/plumbing work, lot signs, gas installation. The following require both a permit and a site plan review: home additions, swimming pools, concrete surfaces, tree removal and relocation, road improvements, land clearing, land filling, pond construction, division (subdivision) of land. These are only a sampling of the most common; if you have a doubt about a project, please contact the building inspection office at 727-7764.

David Beaudry, Code Enforcement

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• **COUNTY FAIR** •
• THE BREVARD COUNTY FAIR WILL BE HELD FROM NOV. 2 TO 12 •
• AT THE COCOA EXPO, 195 AND STATE ROAD 520. •
• GATES OPEN AT 5 P.M. WEEKDAYS AND •
• NOON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. •
• ADMISSION IS \$5; CHILDREN 6 AND UNDER FREE. •
• FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL •
• THE BREVARD COUNTY FAIR OFFICE AT 633-4028. •
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Important Election Issues You Need To Know

This November 7th will be an important election because, as well as the 3 Council seats and the Mayor's seat, there is a proposed amendment to the Town Charter. There are 12 recommended changes to the current charter. However, you will not be voting on each of the 12 changes separately. Instead it will appear on your voting card as one item.

To keep you abreast of the changes, we outlined them in the last issue of "The Mailboat." We will explain some of them again to help clarify them for you.

- 1) Town Council would be required to meet at least once a month, and they can call special meetings as the need arises.
- 2) A quorum would be three (3) members instead of the term 'majority'.
- 3) Council would be permitted to divide the duties of Treasurer from the current terminology of Clerk/Treasurer.
- 4) When there are multiple candidates running for one office, the candidate with the most votes will be the winner, thus eliminating the need for a runoff election.
- 5) Should a vacancy occur in an elected office during its term, an election will be held only if there is more than a year left in that term of office.
- 6) The Town Attorney may recommend to Council the appointment of an Assistant Town Attorney(s). This does not mean that Council is considering hiring more attorneys! It only

provides for our Attorney's recommendation should the need arise rather than the attorney doing the hiring.

- 7) Under section 3.06 the verbiage would read 'as set forth in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of the Town' which would eliminate changing the charter if the Comp Plan were to change.
- 8) Under section 4.01, the budget statement would change to 'Governmental Uniform Accounting System set forth by the Department of Banking and Finance of the State of Florida'.
- 9) All of Section 9.01 is new and provides for amendments to Charter.
- 10) The Mayor's term of office will be changed from 2 years to 4 years starting in the year 2000. Residency requirement for the Mayoral office will change from 3 years to 1 year and the Mayor may be (if council so elects) chair person thus allowing all 5 members to motion.
- 11) Candidates must get 15 valid signautres and turn them in not more than sixty (60) or less than forty (40) days prior to election.

Staff is prepared to answer your questions on the proposed Charter changes. Please understand that we cannot change any of the proposals; these changes were proposed by the Charter Review Committee; Public Hearings were held; and Council has authorized this item to be placed before the voters.

Hurricane Report

Hurricane Erin passed over Brevard County late Tuesday morning, August 1 and early Wednesday, August 2. Sustained winds of 85 m.p.h. with gusts to 100 m.p.h. were recorded over a two hour period with more than 5" of rain recorded during the same time period.

Hurricane Erin should serve as a wake up call to all residents of Malabar. Although the Town of Malabar was very lucky to receive only minor damages, some 120,000 customers throughout Brevard were left with no electricity for several days after the storm. Severe flooding was experienced in many areas after feeder bands from the hurricane dumped a record 9" of rain on the county Wednesday afternoon.

Malabar residents should take heed to the results of the category 1 hurricane. It is highly recommended that residents evacuate the area for all hurricanes. Residents should keep in mind that Fire, Rescue, Police, and Ambulance personnel cannot respond to emergencies during a hurricane and a call for help may go unanswered for some time before help arrives or emergency equipment forces are notified. Also, depending on the category of a hurricane, emergency equipment and personnel may be evacuated from the area and will not be in town when the storm arrives.

The best advise that anybody can follow is:

EVACUATE!!!

Kevin Bouley, Fire Marshal

Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1

District 2 Julane Kikla 676-3698
2730 Rocky Point Road

District 3 John Detwiler 725-7759
1780 Eva Lane

District 4 Yovone Rasor 722-2627
3165 Kramer Lane

District 5 Connie Chiles-Cooke 984-9613
1030 Hollow Brook Lane

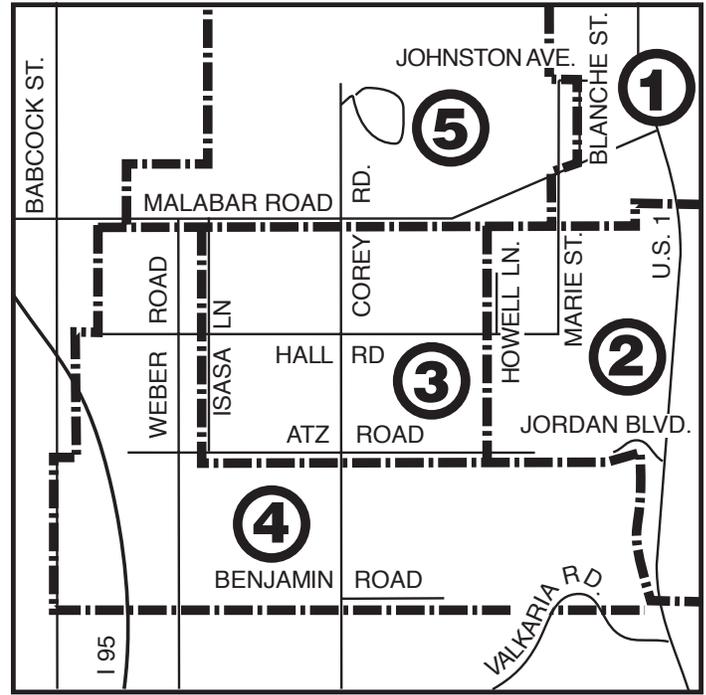
Mayor Jerry Durand 724-0123
1460 Hall Road

Town Administrator Bill Hall 727-7764
Town Hall

Town Clerk/Treas. Susan Kilian 727-7764
Town Hall

County Comm. Nancy Higgs, Dist. 3 952-6300

State Senator Patsy Kurth, Dist. 15 984-4951



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