



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 Day Picnic Promises Fun for All

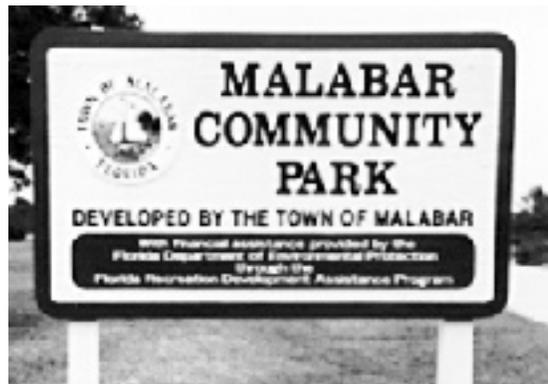
The Third Annual Malabar Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 1996 from 12 noon til 6 p.m. at Malabar Community Park. The Park is located adjacent to the Fire Station on Malabar Road. We hope all residents plan on attending this community event as the afternoon will be jam-packed with entertainment, competitions, displays, and great food.

Town Administrator, Bill Hall, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Among his official duties will be the awarding of door prizes donated by local businesses. Winners will be announced throughout the day. Also scheduled is a mixed competition Car Show with trophies to be awarded for First Place, Second Place and People's Choice.

A Fishing Contest for kids 12 and under will be held at the lake, so don't forget to bring your own pole! Trophies will be awarded! The Space Coast Model Sailing Club will be competing for First, Second and Third Place trophies after the Fishing Contest. You can watch all the action from the recently constructed walkbridge.

Malabar's own: "Up the Creek" and "Sally and the Band" will provide music throughout the day, and there is a clogging exposition scheduled. Game booths will be set up for the kids as well as face painting and tattooing, and volleyball games will be set up.

Malabar Park Board member Alan Wollard will be manning the hamburger grill with help from his neighbors, while Palm Bay Mayor Mel Broom will be Bar-B-Qing the chicken. There will also be hot-dogs, baked beans, popcorn, nachos, ice cream and more! Bring a covered dish to share or baked goods for judging in the Bake Off. After the judging of the baked goods, they'll be available for munching.



Other activities will include a Spinning and Weaving Demonstration with articles for sale. Arts and Crafts will be displayed, and the Treasure Coast Herpetological Society will have some reptiles for viewing. The Malabar Volunteer Fire Department will perform Water Knock Down Demonstrations in the afternoon and volley ball games will go on

throughout the day.

Malabar Day will give you an excellent opportunity to see all the work that has been completed in the park and a chance to see the plans for future development. So plan now to spend an enjoyable day with your family and neighbors at Malabar Community Park.

If you would like to volunteer to help or need more information, please call Town Hall at 727-7764. SEE YOU THERE!

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dear Residents,

The Fire Department has cancelled their Hayride Fund raiser this year because they are attending Emergency Medical Technician classes. We are going to miss this event that we all looked forward to in past years. It is difficult for citizens to realize all the extra work our volunteer firemen do for us because we only see them when we have an emergency. They volunteer their time to do maintenance work on the Fire Station, such as painting walls, floors and yard work. They are continually rebuilding and painting fire trucks. All this is in addition to special learning classes and responding to emergency calls. I invite you to stop by and visit them to get an idea of all they do for us.



Stormwater management is becoming a reality in Malabar. We have completed the construction of the Baffle Box at the corner of Corey and Hall Roads, and made an offer to purchase land for a detention pond at that location. The funds are provided by the St. Johns Water Management District from the sale of Indian River Lagoon license tags.

Public Works Department has become busy with construction projects in the Community Park. We hope to have a lot accomplished for you to enjoy at the Malabar Day Celebration on October 19, 1996. We have been continuing our road work with the latest project being the rebuilding of Marie Street. I apologize for letting the grass grow along the road because of our work load. However, we have most of it caught up by now.

See you at Malabar Day Picnic,

William Hall

Town Administrator Elected to Office

Town Administrator Bill Hall has been elected President of the Brevard County Public Manager's Association. Mr. Hall had previously served as Secretary of that organization for one year. The election for the 1996 officers was held at Banana Bay restaurant in April. Mr. Hall has had the designation of Certified Public Manager since 1994.

from the desk of . . .

First I would like to encourage all of you to attend the Malabar Day Picnic. The day hopes to feature some excellent local talent, both in music and art & crafts. We have many caring and gifted residents in Malabar that go about their business quietly and unobtrusively and yet make such a tremendous difference in other's lives. Recent articles in the local paper have spotlighted Malabar residents who have gone the extra mile by volunteering their time or services and it is so refreshing to read positive news reports! Keep it up! See you Saturday, October 19th.



MARINE PATROL REPORT

Excerpts from a letter to the Town of Malabar from Mike Ramsey, Florida Marine Patrol, March 5, 1996.

Since the net amendment was passed, our office has been inundated with questions, comments, and misconceptions concerning the use of nets in and out of state waters. Most property owners with waterfront property believe *all* nets have been banned in state waters. This is not so.

The amendment banned the use of entangling (gill) nets in state waters. Nets other than entangling nets that are *not larger than 500 square feet* are still allowed. This includes cast nets (no more than two at a time from a single vessel) and seines with mesh not to exceed two inches. A cast net may be up to 12.5 feet in radius and the seine may not exceed 500 square feet.

On the municipal level, the only regulations that address this situation are local laws that limit net fishing to the use of cast nets. This means there are no time or size restrictions on cast nets in the municipalities.

The cast net activity in the canals has increased dramatically because of current market conditions in which fishermen can sell virtually any type of fish they catch. The increased activity has greatly increased the number of calls to our office, but in most cases, we have found no violation.

We appreciate the public's concern, and hope this information will reduce the number of calls we are unable to act on.

Town Happenings . . .

HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP

The Fall Household Hazardous Waste Roundup this year will be held on Thursday, October 24, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Evoc Driving Range, West Eau Gallie Blvd., in Melbourne. Materials that will be accepted from homeowners include latex and oil base paints, aerosol cans, transmission and brake fluid, fluorescent lamps, thermometers, pool chemicals and lawn and garden products. For more information call the hotline at 633-2043.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION ORDINANCE

In June, the Malabar Town Council voted to approve Ordinance 96-5, Mandatory Solid Waste Collection. This ordinance requires all residents of Malabar to subscribe to and pay for solid waste pickup. Harris Sanitation is under contract with the Town of Malabar to provide this service. The ordinance was passed in an effort to control the problem with illegal dumping and to provide for the public health, safety and welfare. The current rate is \$29.76 per calendar quarter, due at the beginning of each quarter. Harris Sanitation provides the addresses of non-payers to the Town and the Town will cite violators of Ordinance 96-5. Harris does provide for Malabar residents who are seasonal residents or who vacation for 30 or more days, but it is the resident's responsibility to notify Harris regarding this.

Council Member Appointed

Upon resignation of District 1 Council Member, Dave Morey, the Council appointed his wife Cheryl Morey to fill his position. Mr. Morey resigned to allow more time to pursue his EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certification. Mrs. Morey's appointment ends this November, but she has chosen to run for the seat in November's election and is unopposed.

We wish to thank Dave for his service to our community and wish him well in his endeavors.

COUNCILMAN APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE

Council Member Henry Dekker has been appointed to the Florida League of Cities Criminal Justice Committee. The appointment is for one year of service and requires traveling to the State Capitol in Tallahassee on occasion. Committee recommendations will be presented to the legislators of the Florida House and Senate later this year. The position is voluntary and additional to Mr. Dekker's duties as Council Member. Congratulations and thanks from the people in Malabar.

Just the Facts . . .

During the last three months 54 building permits were issued in Malabar, including permits for 8 homes and 3 mobile homes. Code enforcement has issued 47 citations, 24 of which were noncompliance with the Town's mandatory trash pickup policy. Other citations involved abandoned vehicles, roofing without a permit, and land clearing by a developer without a lot permit.

The Board of Adjustment, which meets as needed by application from residents, has met a total of 5 times all year. This 5 member Board considers requests for variances to the Malabar Code of Ordinances, usually looking at exceptions to setback zones along property lines for construction purposes. Comments from residents living within 200 feet of the property in question are heard.

(Researched and submitted for publication in the Town Newsletter, written by Ethel Crews, Sept. 30, 1996.)

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.

Credit Card & Mail Fraud

You get a call from a credit card company and they begin to tell you how glad they are that you are using your new card. At first you're confused because you remember ordering that card but you never received it. Then the confusion turns to anxiety. **SOMEONE ELSE IS USING YOUR CARD!** This is not so far fetched these days. Credit Card fraud is happening in our own backyards.

Recently citizens of Malabar came to the realization that this was happening to them, and we would like to pass some of their story on in hopes that this might happen not to you. The card they had ordered was removed from their mailbox. This constitutes Mail Fraud which is a Federal Offense. Then the PIN number and card were verified from their phone. Actually, the grey phone box on the outside of their house. There is a way you can plug a standard phone plug into this box. Not realizing it at the time, these victims saw and spoke with the man masquerading as a phone company employee while he was illegally setting up their account. Only later, when they discovered the card had been issued and verified, did they remember the phone man. He was not in uniform nor did he have a phone company vehicle, but that did not arouse their suspicions at the time. He said he was checking the lines and they believed him.

Your mail can tell a lot about you like where you bank, work, what clubs you belong to, who you owe money too and much more. Somehow the crook was able to get their Social Security Number and place of employment. From there, he applied for numerous other cards, some corporate, some personal. Two of the cards made it to the crook but the others were curtailed when our victims had the post office hold their mail.

Aid for the Indian River Lagoon

Malabar recently received a \$29,000 grant from the St. Johns River Water Management District that allowed construction of a baffle box on Corey Rd. The baffle box, which was placed in a conveyance ditch, captures sediments and filters chemicals that might otherwise end up in the Indian River Lagoon from stormwater runoff. This grant was paid for in part by the sale of Indian River Lagoon license plates.

Each license plate sold raises \$15 to benefit the lagoon, which stretches through six Florida counties. 80% of the income goes toward restoration proj-

They also had to contact the major credit bureaus like TRW and Equifax, Inc. and put a fraud notice on all credit reports. This enabled any creditor checking their credit to be aware that someone other than our victims was trying to take out cards in their name. This was a long tedious process for our victims.

Then there were reports to the U.S. Post Office and Sheriff's Department, along with affidavits to numerous credit card companies cancelling the bogus cards that had been issued or applied for. But the good news for our victims was it didn't cost them a cent at least not directly. Credit Card Fraud costs us all in higher rates and fees but the victim rarely pays the bills run up by the criminal.

How can you avoid a similar situation? It's hard to watch a mailbox that is not visible from your dwelling and is unlocked. You cannot lock up your outside phone box either (phone company requires access). Local and federal officials are not very sympathetic to your case since it happens so often and prosecution will only take place in the city or cities in which the use of the fraudulent card occurs.

Being aware of the procedure for the financial documents/cards you order, like how long they take to arrive and what will be required to initiate them, is a start. Shredding papers you put in your trash and not giving out information over the phone arbitrarily may eliminate vital information for the crooks also. Keeping an eye on who's in yours and other people's mailboxes will help, and ask for identification from any utility person who is on your property.

ects and 20% toward public education. St. Johns River Water Management District administers the proceeds from local sales. Sales through June 1996 have raised \$360,000 of assistance in restoring and preserving the salt water estuary we call the Indian River.



MALABAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the present time 14 members of the Malabar Fire Department are enrolled in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class. Some of these members are taking the class at the Fire Station. This class is being presented to our members through ENSTAR School of Technology, a vocational school in Margate, FL, and National Fire and Safety Systems, Inc. a locally based national instructor. This course includes 110 hrs. of classroom training, a minimum of 84 hrs. ride time on the ambulance and 16 hrs. of training time in the emergency room setting. It should be noted that our members are doing this training in addition to working their paid jobs and volunteering here for Fire and Rescue response. Malabar's Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. has encouraged the members to attend by contributing a portion of the cost for attending this course. What does this mean to the residents of Malabar you may ask? When the course and all testing has been completed, these members will be State of Florida and National Registry certified EMT's. The level of care received by the residents for medical and rescue response, prior to the Paramedics arriving on scene with Harbor City Volunteer Ambulance Service, will be greatly enhanced.



Our members have recently upgraded the response vehicles by obtaining a 1978 Dodge box body 4 wheel drive 1 ton pick up truck and 2 tanker vehicles on loan to MFD from the Division of Forestry Services. The Dodge has been converted into a rescue vehicle carrying the Jaws of Life tools and other supplies used for emergency medical care. One of the tanker trucks, a 1200 gallon capacity vehicle, has been converted into a brush vehicle. The other tanker truck, a 1000 gallon capacity, will be converted in the near future. As you may have noticed there is a new building behind the station. This was erected with funds from the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., and houses all the equipment used to maintain and refurbish all of the Fire Department vehicles.

As a reminder to all residents, there is NO BURNING OF TRASH allowed in the Town of Malabar. Harris Sanitation picks up properly contained yard trash on Thursdays. First time land clearing requires a burn permit. These permits are issued through the Fire Department; please call 725-1030 for informa-

tion. Please remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors biannually. A good time to do this is in the Fall and Spring when resetting your clocks for the time change.

Clerk's Corner

1996-97 BUDGET APPROVED

The final budget was approved in September for the fiscal year 1996-97. The following table compares the 1995-96 budget with the 1996-97 budget:

	1995-96	1996-97
General Fund	\$691,873	\$739,341
Parks & Recreation Funds	99,272	32,250
Road Improvement Funds	122,363	40,925
Stormwater Grants	86,450	298,096
Water Utility Fund	<u>72,750</u>	<u>68,650</u>
	\$1,072,708	\$1,179,262

The **General Fund** is used for the day-to-day operations in the Town. This includes Town Administration, the Public Works Department and the Fire Department. The **Parks & Recreation Funds** are used in developing Malabar Park and are also used for maintenance on Huggins Park. Most of the money that will be spent next year is from a state awarded grant. The **Road Improvement Funds** are accumulated over time and when there is enough accumulated a road is paved or a project is completed. This past year the Road Improvement Funds went towards the turn lane at Malabar Road and Gilmore Street. The **Stormwater Grants** are from St. John's River Water Management and the Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) program. This money will be used to help improve drainage in the Town. The **Water Utility Fund** supports itself through the Brook Hollow subdivision and the Country Cove subdivision.

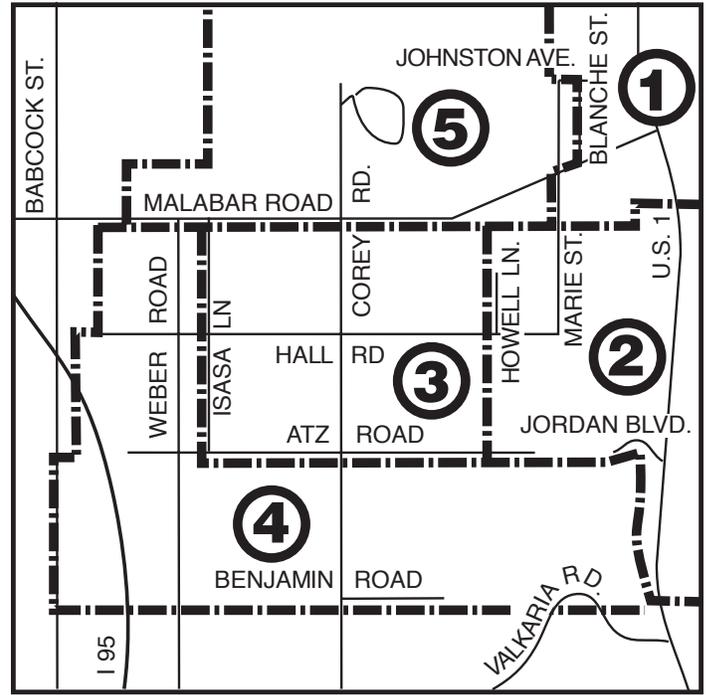
ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 5TH

Candidate qualifying closed on September 20th. The seats that are up for election are in Districts 1, 2, and 3. In district 1 Cheryl Morey is running unopposed. Mrs. Morey's husband Dave held that seat until this past August when he resigned from office due to a scheduling conflict with school. In District 2 two candidates have qualified, John Kelvington and incumbent Julane Kikla. And in District 3 the incumbent John Detwiler is running unopposed. Please remember get out and vote on November 5th!

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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