



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.

The Malabar Holiday Season 2013

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TOWN HALL

Town Hall will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. We will return to the office for regular business on Monday, December 2nd. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!!!**

Town Hall will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve and will be closed for the day on Wednesday, December 25th for Christmas. We will return to the office for regular business on Thursday, December 26th. **MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE TOWN OF MALABAR.**

Town Hall will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 31st for New Year's Eve and will be closed for the day on Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day. We will return to the office on Thursday, January 2nd. **MAY YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

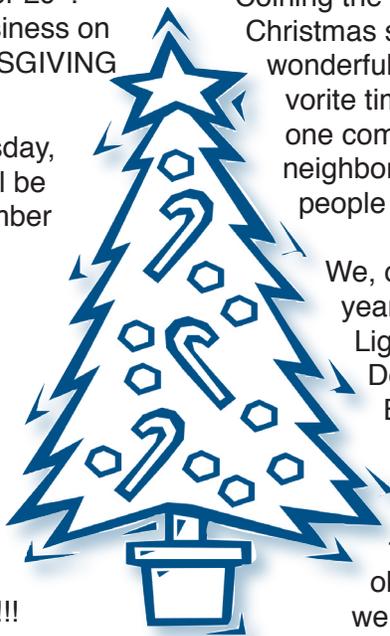
Space Coast Lightfest

Do you love Christmas lights? Would you like to support your local Malabar Boy Scout Troop and Pack 37? If so, please attend Space Coast Lightfest this Christmas season. Space Coast Lightfest will be held at Wickham Park every evening from 6:30 pm to 10 pm, from Monday, November 18 to Tuesday, December 31, 2013. The Space Coast

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CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 7TH at 6:00PM

Coining the phrase from one of the most played Christmas songs in our history, "It's the most wonderful time of the year". This is, truly, our favorite time of the year. It's a time when everyone comes together to lend a helping hand to neighbors and friends, and quite possibly, some people we don't know.



We, once again, invite all of you to this year's annual Malabar Christmas Tree Lighting. The date for the lighting will be December 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Beatty will throw the switch and light the tree. Grab your family and friends and come and join us in the festivities. If you've never attended before then treat yourself this year to some old fashion country fun. Everyone is welcome! We'll have hay bales for seating and the choir from the Malabar First Baptist Church will lead us in seasonal singing. Cookies and warm cider will be served. And let's not forget the man in the red suit! Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck with candy for the children. This has turned into a fun community event over the years. Look for the signs around town the week before announcing the event.



As we move into another Fall season, we need to be aware that we are moving into our dry season and be very careful with any burning that is going on around us. Please do not hesitate to have any suspicious activity regarding burning or fires checked out. We need your extra eyes to keep our Town safe.



Please make sure to **SAVE THE DATE** for our annual **Christmas Tree Lighting**, which will be held this year on **December 7th at 6 PM**. It is always a fun time and Santa comes and visits the area. Plan to bring your children and for those of us blessed with grandchildren to this fun event. Apple Cider and cookies are also served. We have Christmas Carol singing lead by the First Baptist Church of Malabar choir.

Lastly, it has come to my attention that some residents have been told that Waste Management will not pick up the garbage because it is not in the new can system when they call into Waste Management's Customer Service. This is not a true statement. The Town of Malabar is not on the new can system at this time. If you have any problems concerning the cans you are using, please contact Town Hall at 321-727-7764 and leave your information.

Finally, I hope that each of you have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Have you signed up yet?

Thank you for your overwhelming response to signing up on the Residents' Email list. The list is used ONLY to get important information out to you. If you still have not joined the list, it is very easy to do. Send me an email at bwfree@townofmalabar.org and in the Subject Line type Resident's List. In the body area type "please add me to the list". Once I receive your request, I will add you to the list, and I will send you a response telling you I did. If you are not sure if you signed up, please send me an email and I will check for you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town of Malabar is looking for volunteers to serve on our three boards. We have the Parks & Recreational Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Advisory Board and the Board of Adjustment. Each board meets at specific times during the month with the exception of the Board of Adjustment; they meet on an as needed basis.

All board meetings are held at Town Hall in the Council Chambers; meetings start at 7:30 pm. The Park Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month; the P & Z Board (Planning & Zoning) meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month and the Board of Adjustment meets when needed and the meeting is coordinated by staff with the assistance of the Board Chair. Positions are available on each board and we welcome all applications. If the board you apply for is full at the time, we will hold the application and when a position becomes available, the applications will be presented to Council for appointment.

As a qualified volunteer, you must live in Malabar for a least a year and be a registered voter. If this is something that interests you and you would like to be a part of the Town of Malabar's history, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at Town Hall at 321-727-7764 or via email to the Town Clerk Debby Franklin (townclerk@townofmalabar.org) or the Deputy Town Clerk Cindi Kelley (ckelley@townofmalabar.org). You can also download an application by visiting the website at www.townofmalabar.org under forms.

Upon receipt of your application, it will be presented at the next RTCM for Council to review and make the appointment by Resolution to the corresponding board that was applied for. Along with your application, Council has requested a brief description of your qualifications. You are also welcome to attend the Council meeting at which the appointment to the board is scheduled and address Council with your qualifications.



News Around Town . . .

Need Student Community Service Hours?

If your son or daughter needs Community Service hours for school or if you know someone who does, please let them know that we will work with the person and get the schedule set up for them to complete the hours. This is a win/win for the Town. The person learns about government and we benefit as the student usually handle tasks that either relieve staff time by doing it or it is tasks that staff may just not be able to get to.

NO LOCAL MALABAR ELECTION IN 2013

Candidate qualifying in Malabar took place from August 7th-August 21st. Town Council seats for District 4 and District 5 were open for election. Jeff McKnight, District 4, termed out this year. Dick Korn, a member of the Planning & Zoning Advisory Board, came in and was qualified during this period of time with no other candidates submitting paperwork for District 4. Incumbent Marisa Acquaviva, District 5, was also qualified during this time with no other candidates submitting paperwork for District 5. Both will be sworn into office on Thursday, November 7, 2013. Council Member terms are for two years each with a maximum of three terms allowed by Charter. The Mayor serves for a four-year term and has a limit of two terms. In 2014, we will have District seats 1, 2, 3 up for election. Malabar still only has one voting precinct, Precinct 7 located at the First Baptist Church of Malabar across from the Post Office.

MALABAR SPRINGFEST 2014

Save the date of April 5, 2014; Council set the date for the 2014 Springfest for Saturday, April 5th. Mark your calendars and come out to the park for some good down-home fun in the Malabar Community Park. If you would like to participate by being a vendor or a volunteer for the event, please contact Cindi Kelley at Town Hall. We would love to have any and all vendors/volunteers that are available to come out for a fun-filled day. The Springfest Committee will be meeting shortly to begin the planning of the event.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO HAVE ON HAND

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

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

THIRD ANNUAL COWBELL 5K/10K WALK/ RUN 2014

Save the date; Council set the date for the Third Annual Cowbell 5K/10K Race/Walk for Saturday, April 12, 2014. The plans for this event are in the works and will be posted once they are ironed out. Last year for the 10K run, we had the assistance of the EELs Program and were able to use the trails within the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary. Keep your eyes and ears open for details for this event.

Mowing of Rights-of-Way

Malabar Code suggests property owners maintain the area between their property line and the edge of the road. That means keeping it clear of litter and debris. You must also get permission from the Town to place any structure between the property line and edge of road. This is meant to encourage property owners to also mow this area. Many property owners already do that, but the Public Works Department spends weeks getting the major rights-of-way mowed one time. With the millage remaining the same this year, there is no extra money to hire additional mowers. Council would like to hear your opinion on this. The Town is still responsible to mow the swales and has no plans to reduce that maintenance. Please email your thoughts to bwfree@townofmalabar.org.

From District 2 Council Member Wayne Abare

The Florida League of Cities is the united voice for Florida's municipal governments. Its goals are to serve the needs of Florida's cities and promote local self-government. The League is a major provider of many products and services developed especially for Florida's cities. Almost all Florida's municipalities are members including Malabar. The League is a strong supporter of Home Rule (see description below).

In August I attended the 2013 League of cities Annual Conference in Orlando. Guest speakers included US Senator Bill Nelson, former US Senator Bob Graham and Florida Governor Rick Scott. I enjoyed attending the various sessions to learn more about being an effective and informed Council member. Below are some of the highlights from my notes.

Florida has about 19M people and 86M visitors per year. We are about to become the third largest state by surpassing New York next year. Jacksonville is the largest city in Florida by population (~826,000) and the largest city by area in the contiguous United States. Weeki Wachee is the smallest city in Florida and in the US with a population of only twelve. Median municipality population is 5,562. About half of Florida residents live in unincorporated areas.

Towns, cities and villages are independent municipal corporations with proprietary power to create water, sewer, fire and Police services. In Florida there is no

legal difference between a town, city or village. There is no Sunshine Law at the State or Federal level. Sunshine laws however, apply at the town, city and village level of government. All Malabar elections are nonpartisan. In partisan elections, the party affiliation of the candidate is indicated on the ballot, whereas in nonpartisan elections it is not. The great majority of Cities hold nonpartisan elections.

Most important job of Council members is to set short and long term goals of their municipality. Each municipality should have a Strategic Plan. Commissioner or Council member means the same. If you want to discuss an issue in greater detail than a regular Council meeting affords hold a special public workshop.

Florida Home Rule was introduced in 1968 and adopted in 1973 allowing municipalities to govern themselves. Prior to this each town, city or village had to have changes in their ordinances approved at the state level. There are 410 different municipal Charters in Florida.

America is a Republic not a Democracy. A democracy is a form of government in which the people decide policy matters directly--through town hall meetings or by voting on ballot initiatives and referendums. A republic, on the other hand, is a system in which the people choose representatives who, in turn, make policy decisions on their behalf.

Space Coast Lightfest (con't from pg 1)

Lightfest is a holiday themed drive-through event featuring millions of shimmering lights and dazzling animated displays. The fee is \$10 per car, Mondays through Thursdays, and \$15 per car on the weekends. Your donations will help our boys go to summer camp next summer and are very much appreciated.

Thank you Malabar for supporting your scouts! We have had such great opportunities to grow and this year have expanded from 6 boys to 20 in just the troop as well as many young boys clamoring to join the pack. We are so excited that so many families have joined us and that our backyard airport (Valkaria airport) has invited us and given us space to grow and activities to help host our community. Also, thank you for allowing Matthew



Rosenquist to teach, certify and share a CPR class with our troop at the Malabar Fire Department. We are in the midst of set up for Space Coast Lightfest at Wickham Park to serve all of Brevard County. We also are gearing up to help families in our community with our annual scouting for food which fills our food banks for anyone who may find themselves in need. We will be picking up food November 9th. We are very blessed to have a community who looks after one another as evidenced every year by the amount of food you all donate! Anyone (boys and adults volunteers!) interested in joining our troop or just volunteering some of your sage old wisdom, contact Marcie Adkins (321)984-1135 or Laura Mahoney (321)693-4314.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

To help ensure that you have a fire safe holiday season, the Malabar Fire Department emphasizes the following safety tips:

Selecting a Tree for the Holidays: Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long and has probably dried out. A dried tree is a potential fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree: Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree: Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

Maintain Your Holiday Lights. Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory. Do not leave holiday lights unattended.

Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets. Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.

Use Only Nonflammable Decorations. All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Never Put Wrapping Paper in the Fireplace. Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

Never Leave a Burning Candle Unattended. Consider

using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.

If You Do Use Lit Candles, make sure candles are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas. NEVER put lit candles on a tree.

As in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times.

PORTABLE SPACE HEATER SAFETY

Never operate a heater you suspect is damaged. Before use, inspect the heater, cord, and plug for damage. Follow all operation and maintenance instructions.

Never leave the heater operating while unattended, or while you are sleeping.

Keep combustible material such as beds, sofas, curtains, papers, and clothes at least 3 feet (0.9 m) from the front, sides, and rear of the heater.

Be sure the heater plug fits tightly into the wall outlet. If not, do not use the outlet to power the heater. During use, check frequently to determine if the heater plug or cord, wall outlet, or faceplate is HOT! If the plug, outlet, or faceplate is hot, discontinue use of the heater, and have a qualified electrician check and/or replace the plug or faulty wall outlet(s). If the cord is hot, disconnect the heater, and have it inspected/repaired by an authorized repair person.

Never power the heater with an extension cord or power strip.

Insure that the heater is placed on a stable, level surface, and located where it will not be knocked over.

When purchasing a heater, ask the salesperson whether the heater has been safety-certified. A certified heater will have a safety certification mark.

Never run the heater's cord under rugs or carpeting. This can damage the cord, causing it and nearby objects to burn.

To prevent electrical shocks and electrocutions, always keep electric heaters away from water, and never touch an electric heater if you are wet.

Florida League of Cities Youth Conference

The Florida League of Cities hosts a youth conference every year during their annual city conference. This is the second year the Malabar Teen Council participated, and we have enjoyed the experience very much. The conference allows members from youth councils across the state of Florida to come together and talk to each other about issues facing our communities, and to learn how we can make our own cities better. Following is a brief synopsis of both what we learned and our thoughts on the program.

Last year, the main focus of the youth conference was coming up with an idea each council could work together on to make a difference in all of our communities. In order to come up with the final decision, we had to come to an agreement on an idea with the members of our table (made up of various members from other councils). Then we had to draft a proposal to share with the rest of the tables, and then each individual took a vote on which idea they liked best. This year, the focus of the conference was more upon why we need government, particularly the purpose behind a city's formation. To start out, they split up the councils between various tables so that we would have to interact and discuss matters with people from different cities, this way each of us can bring back ideas for our Town based upon the way other cities are run or issues they may be facing.

One nice addition to this year's conference was an online polling system. Whenever the moderator asked us a question, everybody would text in their answers, and then we could see each others' answers up on a large screen. For example, one of the questions was what kind of public services did we think our towns/cities should provide that they are not currently providing. Some people answered transportation, others pointed towards recreational activities. From our teen council, Briana Mahoney suggested a bike path along Malabar Rd., Jacob Adkins suggested public transportation, and I suggested a community center. The advantage of this was that we were not limited to gaining ideas from our table, but we could learn from the entire conference of youth council members.

We also learned a great deal about the purpose of government and our role in it. The creator of the program actually originated it for real Councils so that they could better understand their purpose and what they need to do for their towns/cities. In fact, our youth conference was sort of the "test pilot" for it. Before asking us a question, such as what public services our town should provide, he would first spend time teaching us exactly what public services are and what our founding fathers intended public services to be. We learned everything from the reason the Articles of Confederation were deemed unsatisfactory for governing the newly formed United States, to what exactly Home Rule means (the principle that it is the people, not the state, that form cities/towns). At the end of the conference, each table was given the assignment of writing their own Preamble for a town/city's charter based upon what we had learned. Below is the Preamble written by my table:



We the people of Maroon City, recognizing the authority of the Constitutions above us, in order to provide general public services for the enjoyment and protection of citizen's rights and property, and to promote economic stability and prosperity, do ordain and establish this charter.

One of the aspects of the youth conference that always stands out is that they have members of real city/town councils come in and listen to our ideas at the end. One of those people commended the simplicity and encompassing preamble my table had come up with, particularly the fact that we had included prosperity as one of our goals.

After the conference was finished, all of us who attended from the Malabar Teen Council expressed how impressed we were with the conference and believed the program had improved since last year. Jacob Adkins (a member of our youth council) and I also had the opportunity to talk about our cities to a writer for a school newspaper in Tallahassee, which I will provide a copy of as soon as I receive.

Thank you for your interest in the Malabar Teen Council,
Connor Mahoney

Valkaria Airport

Have you ever thought of the Valkaria Airport as Malabar's Airport? Well you should and, as a matter of fact, a large portion of the airport's land lies within our Town's boundaries.

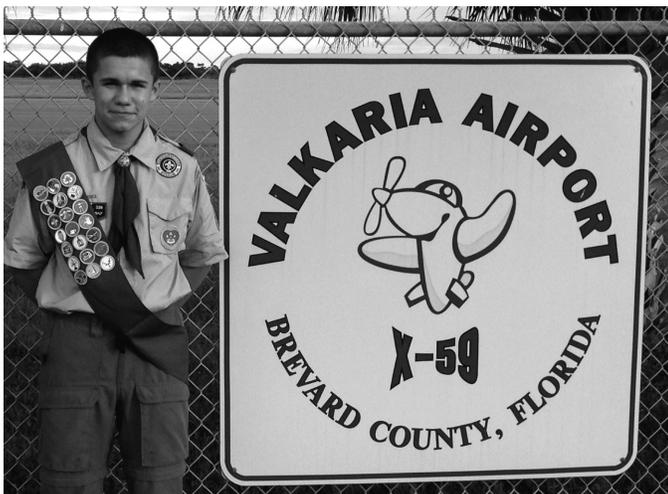
"We hope that everyone in South Brevard will think of the Valkaria Airport as their own," Airport Manager Steve Borowski said. "Valkaria Airport belongs to each and every resident of Brevard County."

This Fall, Valkaria Airport has been working hard to develop more non-aeronautical recreational activities.

"We are broadening our scope of activities," Borowski said. "We have always sought to serve as a General Aviation/Recreational airport but decided to emphasize the recreational side of our activities this year. We also want to attract more people to Valkaria Airport so are creating a space in which everyone will feel welcome, have fun and learn about aeronautics at the same time.

One of the places the Airport hopes our youth will feel welcome is in its new \$2.3 million hangar building. This new hangar building was funded predominantly by the Florida Department of Transportation. It will house the Town of Malabar's Troop 37 and Pack 37 along with many others.

The Town of Malabar's Troop 37 has been involved at the Valkaria Airport for a number of years, learning about general aviation as well as offering public service. One of their Boy Scouts, Jacob Adkins, has been working on his Eagle Scout Service Project at Valkaria Airport for the past 9 months.



"Skyman Park is an awesome new park at Valkaria Airport," Adkins said. "Skyman Park is a new drain-

age pond that has two islands in the middle of them. Around the pond, the contractors are building a three-quarter mile BMX track. They have already created a radio-controlled racecar track and a radio-controlled off-road track."



"The timing was right for me to do my Eagle project at the airport. I have been designing the entrance way for the new Park. I hope that you can come to the Park's and to my gateway's grand opening and dedication on November 16th and that you will enjoy it."

"Skyman Park" was named in tribute to Scott Adair, a pilot who was killed in April when his single-seat gyrocopter crashed on airport property. Adair was a U.S. Powered Paragliding Association certified instructor and helped start the award-winning Search Operations Aerial Response, or SOAR, paragliding unit of the Palm Bay Police Department. He also trained with the department's dive team and organized the Palm Bay Para-Fly-In, an event that brought powered paragliders from around the country to Valkaria Airport to raise money for Palm Bay Police Department's Police Athletic League.

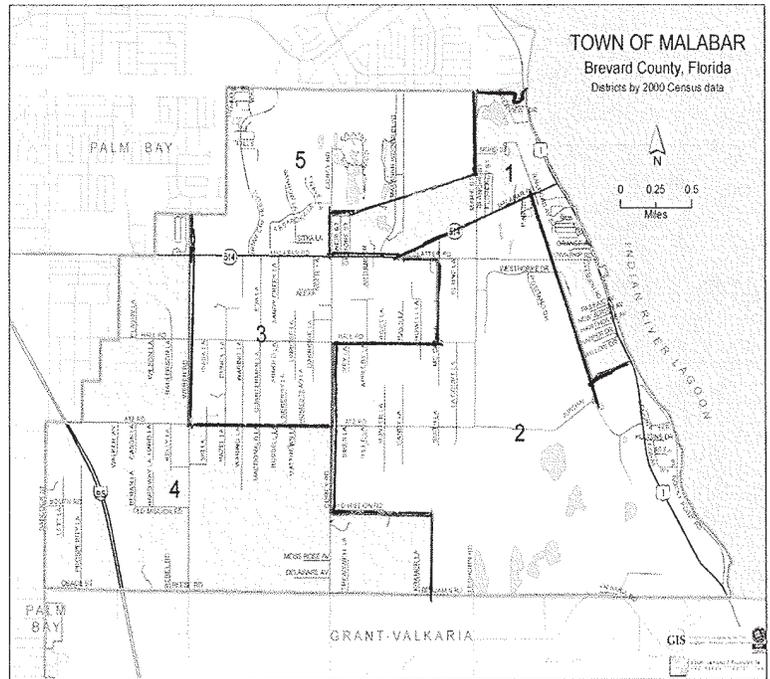
Valkaria Airport, which hosts the annual Valkaria Air Fest, will also be hosting musical events on the airport's infield. The first annual Space Coast Rock 'N' Blues Festival, featuring Blues Hall of Fame guitarist Johnny Winter, runs 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24. Other featured acts include blues guitarist Albert Castiglia, Satisfaction, an International Rolling Stones Tribute band, and local groups The Usual Suspects, The Dave Kury Band, Anna Delgado and John Condon. The event also will feature various displays, beer, wine and food and you will find Malabar Troop 37 out there helping park the cars. Check it out at www.rocknbluesfestival.com.

Borowski said, "Valkaria Airport is a great County asset. We encourage everyone to use it, in the air and on the ground!"

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