



# Town of MALABAR

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## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR BIDS FAREWELL

Doug Hoyt, after serving 3 years as Malabar's Town Administrator, will be stepping down from his position. Hoyt spent his three years with the Town working tirelessly to make Malabar a better place to live. One of his biggest accomplishments as Town Administrator was getting several major roads paved. Eva Lane, a connector from Hall Road to Malabar Road was paved. Even more impressive, Smith Lane and West Railroad Avenue were both paved at no cost to the Town. Smith Lane was paved using a special assessment process began in 2003. He also saw the beginning of many stormwater projects, such as the extensive drainage work done along Atz Road. Hoyt will be replaced by current Town Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Matt Stinnett. The Town Council voted 4-1 to appoint Stinnett on September 17th, 2018.

## WELCOME MATT STINNETT: NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Matt Stinnett has previously served for 2 years as the town's Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. He is a United States Army veteran, who served 3 tours of duty in Afghanistan, and is currently a squad leader in the Florida Army National Guard. Mr. Stinnett has received his B.S. degree in Organizational Management from Eastern Florida State College, and is halfway to his Masters degree in Public Administration at the Florida Institute of Technology. Working just as tirelessly, Stinnett is looking forward to continuing the hard work Hoyt has set in place for Malabar.

## MALABAR FIRE DEPARTMENT SAVES YOU MONEY

The Malabar Fire Department has been hard at work over the last year. Chief Foley and Lt. Hooker pride themselves on their work in receiving grants to help fund our dedicated Fire Department. In the last fiscal year, they were awarded over \$100,000 in grant funds! These grants have helped pay for new S.C.B.A. (self-contained breathing apparatus) gear, a newly refurbished brush truck, and new extraction tools, just to name a few things. In a small town with a small budget, these grants help keep our Fire Fighters safe, and gives them the tools necessary to perform their jobs. The new fiscal year has just begun and the Fire Department has already applied for a grant to receive a three story training structure. This will help our department train themselves and others in how to safely perform their duties. We are very proud of our Fire Department leaders and their dedication to saving the taxpayers money!

## IMPROVING OUR TOWN, ONE STEP AT A TIME

Recently the Town of Malabar has completed the paving of Smith Lane. Through the use of a special assessment fee, the residents and property owners of Smith Lane will pay for the paving over the next three years. Anyone who is interested in having their road paved using this method can do so by following these simple steps.

1. Request a Petition Package for paving an accepted dirt road using a special assessment.
2. List the street name, approximate length, and circulate the petition to gather signatures.
3. Submit the petition to Town Hall
4. Town Hall verifies the street is an accepted road and confirms length and obtains a preliminary cost.

5. Letters are sent to affected property owners with preliminary cost per roadside frontage footage and asks if they would like to proceed with the Special Assessment.

6. If affirmative responses are received from owners of more than 2/3 of the road frontage, the Town will prepare a detailed estimate to include; engineering, testing, road base, legal, and miscellaneous costs, and submits a second letter to property owners with a final "not to exceed" per linear foot cost.

7. If there are again 2/3 affirmative responses from the owners, the Special Assessment goes forward.

8. The Special Assessment roll is then drawn up and advertised, legal notices are sent out and run in the paper, a public hearing is held, and if approved by council, the Special Assessment is approved.

9. The Town will then proceed with the paving, and the property owners have 1, 2 or 3 years to pay off the Special Assessment.

The Town of Malabar has an excellent Public Works Department run by Tom Miliore. Recently, the public works department has brought on several new staff members and is hard at work fixing key issues around our Town. One project in particular is improving drainage at the West end of Hall Road. The Public Works team is installing new culverts on the north side of the road (Image Below), which will help storm water flow directly to its designed destination. Another major project that the Town has accomplished in the last year was the paving of Eva Lane. Between our own Public Works Department, and Good IV, formerly known as Goodson Paving, the job was completed in under a month! Eva Lane is a collector road between Malabar Road and Hall Road. What was once a rough and often muddy road is now a smooth passage between two of our Towns major roadways. Check back next month for another update on your Public Works department's hard work!

