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New Malabar Newsletter Format

The Town of Malabar has moved its monthly Newsletter to an online format. Once a month, a new newsletter will be uploaded to the Town website, Townofmalabar.org. A new feature to help residents is the new subscription option on our website. Residents can subscribe to receive an e-mail notification whenever a new newsletter is uploaded. Please help us spread the word by telling your neighbors!

Return of Malabar Building Records

The Town of Malabar is planning to digitize our physical public records in the near future. In doing this, Town Staff will be sorting through and removing records that have reached the State of Florida records retention schedule. According to the State of Florida's General Records Schedule, or GS1-SL, Building Permits have a retention period of 10 years. If you are a homeowner in Malabar and would like the original plans and drawings for your home, now is your chance! You now have the opportunity to email the Town Clerk at TownClerk@TownofMalabar.org or call at (321)-727-7764 and request that your property file be returned to you. Please have all requests in to the Clerks office by May 1st of 2022. Town Staff plans on beginning this process in June of 2022, and expects the project to take about 18–24 months to complete. Due to various reasons, not all properties in Town will have records available, but once you have placed your request,

any documents of your property found by Town Staff that have exceeded their public retention period will be returned to you free of charge.

Free Well Plugging Offered

A free flowing artesian well can waste over a million gallons of water from the Florida Aquifer every day. Even artesian well that are deteriorating or poorly built can have a negative impact on the quality and quantity of water available. The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) is dedicated to the continued availability and high quality of our areas drinking water. A program developed to further these goals is the abandoned artesian well plugging program. An abandoned artesian well is designated as one that does not have a properly functioning valve or flow control; has no present or future use; does not meet current well construction standards; or is discharging salt water into a drinking aquifer. In addition to wasting water resources, old free-flowing wells typically are in a deeper portion of the aquifer that may be susceptible to an increase in salinity at some locations. As a well ages, deterioration of the well casing occurs, which can allow poor quality water to move upward into fresher zones used for drinking water supplies. Proper plugging of these wells helps to prevent contamination of our groundwater supply. Plugging a well involves a site visit and well inventory, correspondence with the landowner and governments to formalize participation, geophysical logging of the well and permanent well plugging by a licensed well contractor. Abandoned wells are plugged by pumping cement (grout) through a PVC pipe or drill rod, which is lowered to the bottom of a well. The cement is pumped into the well until it flows back to the land's surface. Costs to plug a well can vary depending on the size and depth of the well and the plugging method required, but it generally costs (districtwide) several thousand dollars to properly plug each well. With more than 7 million acres of publicly and privately owned land within the District's boundaries, finding abandoned wells is the biggest challenge. Most free-flowing wells are on private property. The District relies on private property owners to identify wells and to work cooperatively with the District to permanently halt the waste of water. To notify the District of a free-flowing well, please call **386-329-4319**. This project will help maintain and improve the quality of the Indian River Lagoon. A few other tips that can help the lagoon are to ensure that only rain enters the storm drains, not over fertilizing lawns, and removing pet waste from yards. Together, we can make a difference in our community!

January 2022 Public Works Report

Equipment Update

- Serviced Ford F-250
- Serviced Dodge Dakota
- Repaired hose on Mini Excavator
- Repair Hydraulic leak on Slope Mower
- Replaced Fuel Pump in Yard

- Replaced Blades on Box Blade
- Repaired Hydraulic Leak and Tailgate on Sterling Dump Truck

Streets & Roads Jobs

- Repaired Washouts at:
 - Hall and Corey Rd
 - Elaine Ln
 - Waring Ln
 - Rocky Point Road
- Fill potholes
- Repair/Replace Street Signs:
 - Alexander Ln
 - 8 “30 MPH” signs
 - 7 “35 MPH” signs
 - No Outlet Sign
 - Rebel Ln
 - Weber and Hall

General Duties

- Cut back trees on Township Rd
- Clean up illegal Dump Site on Rocky Point Rd
- Clean Hunter Ln (Road and Ditch)
- Repair gate at North Corey Rd, Malabar Community Park & Marie Street Yard
- Remove Christmas Tree from Park, and decorations from Town Hall
- Clean up Marie Street Yard
- Fix Fire Pit at Sandhill Trailhead
- Install blinds at Town Hall

For information on the Mowing, Road Grading and Slope Mowing work completed for the month, please contact Malabar Town Hall at (321)-727-7764.