



Town of MALABAR

2725 Malabar Road
Malabar, FL 32950-4427
(321) 727-7764

Welcome to the Town of Malabar's Page

FUTURE MALABAR NEWSLETTERS

The Town of Malabar will be moving our monthly Newsletter to an on-line format beginning in September of 2020. There will be 1 more articles published in Hometown News, as well as one final Mailboat mailed to residents to inform them of the new format. On the 15th of each 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 emailed notification whenever a new newsletter is uploaded. Please help us spread the word by telling your neighbors!

MALABAR TOWN FLAG

In March of 2012, The Town of Malabar officially adopted a new Town Flag. The Flag was selected from a group of 20 submitted for review in a Town wide contest. The criteria of the contest stated that the design of the Flag should depict the character of Malabar. The winning entry was designed by a member of the Malabar Mariners Association, a local sailing club based in Malabar. The Flag was selected because of the great amount of detail and symbolism included in its design. The green colors and stripe represent the rural agricultural origins of our Town. The Blue colors and stripe represent the Indian River Lagoon, which acts as the Town's eastern boundary. The white stripe and sail represent peace, preservation, justice, propriety and patriotism. Even the wildlife portrayed in the Flag is symbolic. The Manatee seen in the center picture is Florida's state mammal, while the Dolphin seen in the same picture is the State's saltwater mammal. The Sabal Palm seen in the picture is the Florida state tree. While the center art is not the official Town seal, it does represent significant pieces of Malabar's rich history. The braid encircling the art represents our founding principles, unity of purpose, and the varied interests within the Town. The three sacks on the dock represent the original mail that was delivered by sailboat to the palmetto shack post office of Malabar. The thirteen mast hoops that hold the main sail represent the thirteen original states of the union, while the four ledger poles and twenty-three planks on the pier pay homage to Florida being admitted as the 27th state in 1845.



TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION QUALIFYING

It's election season again! This year, the Town of Malabar will be holding elections for 4 seats. Districts 1, 2, &3 as well as the Mayoral office are all up for election in 2020. The Town of Malabar will hold its municipal election on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at which time the three (3) Council Members (Seats 1, 2 and 3) will be elected to serve from the first regular Council meeting in November following the election (November 16th, 2020) until the special Council meeting on November 6, 2022. Due to the approval of the referendum question on the 2016 ballot, the candidates for Districts 1, 2 and 3 must not only qualify from their respective Districts but now must be voted on ONLY BY those electors residing in their respective Districts. Also up for election this year is the Mayoral office. A Mayor will be elected to serve the term of the first regular Town Council meeting in November following the election (November 16th, 2020) until the special Town Council meeting of November 7th, 2024. Unlike Council Members, the mayor may obtain their required signatures from citizens in any district and will be voted on by residents at large.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROAD PAVING PROCESS

If you live in the Town of Malabar, chances are you live on a dirt road. A recent study conducted by Town Staff showed that just

under 60% of roads maintained by the Town are dirt roads. The Town Council has made it a priority to provide a path for residents to get their roads paved. With the passing of Ordinance 2020-06, Malabar has provided that option. The Town will assume the cost of bringing the road back up to its original accepted standard using funds from the budgeted monies in the road maintenance fund. With the passing of the new Ordinance, the Town will also pay 40% of the actual paving costs. The Town is using the county implemented Transportation Impact Fees Tax (T.I.F.T.) funds to pay for the up-front costs. Residents can reach out to the Clerk's office for a petition to improve an accepted road. If residents of a specific road gather the signatures of more than 2/3rds of the affected road frontage, the Town will get a preliminary cost and send that information along with a Not to Exceed Cost to each property owner to continue support for the Special Assessment. Upon receipt of the required signatures, the Town will proceed with the paving on a first come first serve basis until the T.I.F.T. funds have expired. The special assessment will be paid back based on the rates described in Resolution 15-2012. A house with less than \$2,500 will be required to be paid back inside of one year, a house with between \$2,501 and \$6,000 will be paid back in 2 years, and any house with a cost of over \$6,001 will be required back inside of 3 years. A recent estimated cost for a 1100-foot local lane was \$26,000 total, or about \$11.82 per linear foot. A great example of how this process works can be seen on Smith Lane. Several years ago, the residents on Smith Lane applied for and were granted a Road Paving Assessment. Now they live on a beautifully paved local lane. For more information on the Road Paving Assessment, please call Town Hall at (321)-431-3846.

Last year, due to Florida Senate Bill 6077 the qualifying period for candidates was shortened from two weeks to one. This year, with the passing of Ordinance 2020-05, Town Council has extended back to a two-week period from 8:30 AM on July 28th to 4:00 PM on August 11th. Forms will be available from the Office of the Town Clerk and online during this time period and may only be filed during this period. All original forms are to be filed with the Malabar Town Clerk or her designee. Faxing or emailing these documents is not acceptable.

REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE

All persons desiring to announce and qualify as a candidate for office in Malabar must meet the following criteria:

Be a resident of Malabar for six (6) months.

Candidates for Districts 1, 2 and 3 must reside within their District at time of qualifying and throughout the election and term of office.

Candidates for the Mayoral office must reside within the Town at the time of qualifying and throughout the election and term of office

Complete the Qualifying Paperwork and Oath of Candidate

Select a Campaign Treasurer and name a bank for campaign financing

All candidates must collect signatures from a minimum of 15 registered voters within their District.

MALABAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Beginning on July 9th, 2020, and continuing until approximately April 5th, 2021, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be working on project 413761-1, which will focus on adding turn lanes off Malabar Road onto Corey Road and Weber Road. The project will add west bound and east bound turning lanes at Corey Road, and a west bound turning lane at Weber Road. In addition to the turn lanes, this project will also include the addition of guardrails, improvements to the drainage system, as well as pavement repair. This construction is not expected to require any major lane closures or extended detours at this time. More information regarding this state funded project can be found at http://www.cflroads.com/project/413761-1/SR_514_from_Weber_Road_to_Corey_Road.