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TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Malabar is very proud of our excellent Trails and Greenways Committee. This group, headed by Chairman Drew Thompson and Vice-Chair Murray Hann, has done an exceptional job of organizing and marking the extensive trails system within our town. In our small town we have several areas laced with fun and exciting trails. Malabar owns the Cameron Preserve (located at the North end of Corey Road), and Florida State's Environmentally En-



dangered Lands Program (E.E.L.s) owns the Malabar Scrub Sanctuary, (north of the Malabar Community Park), and the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary (south of Marie Street). With over twenty miles of trails, one of the biggest issues was mapping the trails. The Trails and Greenways Committee was able to install countless kiosks throughout the trails systems that mark a current location, and a route to the nearest exit. Most these kiosks have a scannable QFR code that will pinpoint your exact location on your smart phone, and a phone number of a knowledgeable trail guide! Also, in the last year, the Committee was able to construct the Cameron Preserve Trail Shelter. The shelter is on the trail and can provide shelter from rain storms, the hot Florida sun, or even be a nice spot for a peaceful picnic. The next project for the Trails and Greenways Committee is to develop the Eagles Nest Trailhead for the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary. The new trailhead will serve 4 major functions. It will provide a road and parking entrance, horse hitching posts, an observation deck with picnic tables, and an internal connection to the Jordan Scrub Sanctuary. You can access more information and trail maps at www.malabartrails.org

RECYCLING TIPS FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT

Everyone knows that recycling is the way of the future, but how much do you know about the proper recycling protocols? Here are a few helpful tips to make your recycling even more productive! Always recycle all bottles, cans, and paper items. When recycling cardboard, make sure to flatten it. Make sure to keep all recyclable items clean and dry, and do not include plastic bags in the recyclable bins. Also ensure to never place food waste, plastic bags and film, foam containers, and needles in your recycling bins. Certain offenders like plastic bags or food waste can ruin an entire load of recyclable materials. Even recycling one aluminum can will create a sizable amount of energy conservation. One recycled can is able to produce enough energy to run a television for over two hours, power a 14-watt CFL bulb for up to twenty hours, and power a personal computer for over three hours! That same can you recycle can be back on the shelf brand new in less than sixty days. The water bottle in your car's cup holder can be reused and turned into a park bench, or even be the filling for a high fashion parka. Your daily newspaper is an easy item to overlook, but recycling it allows it to be reused for things such as a cereal box, or even your next newspaper! The key to success in recycling is that everyone buys in to the process! In the last year alone, Waste Management was able to recycle enough goods to fill 168,819 Boeing 737 passenger planes! Imagine what we can accomplish if everyone starts to recycle properly. It's our planet, and it's time for us all to treat it as such!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Here in Malabar, one of the biggest issues we face is maintaining our stormwater drainage system. The Town has recently purchased a new piece of equipment to help with that exact task. The new Public Works "Alamo Ditcher" is finally in action! This piece of equipment allows our public Works crew to take matters into their own hands, and properly maintain the town's drainage ditches and swales. The equipment has already been put to work along Glatler Road, Elaine Lane, and on the South side of Atz Road, East of Weber Road. With this equipment, the town will be able to set the ditches



to a determined depth and allow the stormwater to flow properly to its destination. The results from this project may not be visible immediately, but with steady work, this will allow the Town to improve what many residents have said is their top priority. Check back in next month's newsletter for another update on our hard-working Public Works team!