

WELCOME TO OUR

# Monthly Newsletter

*we're so glad you're here!*



## March Check-in

The Town of Malabar is working to not only improve our stormwater drainage system for the residents but also as part of the Lagoon Loyal team! To be better stewards for the environment, the Town of Malabar Public Works crew recently performed some much-needed stormwater upgrades in the area of Weir St and Allen St. When stormwater falls on roads and other impermeable surfaces, the runoff flows quickly and can pick up trash, chemicals, silt and other pollutants. Historically, storm drain systems were designed solely to allow runoff to drain quickly from developed areas and prevent flooding. Storm retention systems are designed to capture runoff and allow it to seep through the soil. Swales, a commonly used feature, resemble shallow ditches. The grassy slopes filter sediments as stormwater percolates into the ground. These types of upgrades are what we are hoping to accomplish throughout the Town.

## Public Works Services

If you would like to request road maintenance or ditch maintenance, please scan the QR code to the side and fill out the request form. You can also call Town Hall at 321-727-7764.



# Culvert Pipe Maintenance



Living in an area prone to flooding may expose you to the common issue of a blocked culvert on your property. Culverts become obstructed when slow-moving or stagnant water deposits a significant amount of sediment in the culvert pipe. If left unaddressed, this sediment build-up can impede drainage, causing slowdowns or complete stoppages, ultimately leading to flooding and erosion in your yard, driveway, or even neighboring and public spaces.

Here are some strategies for addressing a clogged culvert:

Initially, if the sediment accumulation is near the pipe's exit points, you can typically use a shovel to remove it, as long as excessive debris hasn't accumulated. It's essential to be cautious not to harm the culvert's slope during this process, as culverts are designed with a slope to ensure proper water flow.

Alternatively, another effective method for unclogging your culvert involves using a pressure washer to dislodge the obstructing materials with a forceful stream of water.



## Preventing Drainage issues on your property:

- Prevent trash and debris from entering easements and roadside ditches and swales.
- Avoid raking, blowing, or dumping leaves or grass clipping in the roadside ditches and swales.
- Do not obstruct roadside ditches and swales with fencing, hedges, or trees.
- Keep structures and sheds away from roadside ditches and easements.

## How often should maintenance be performed?

Properties with roadside swales often have driveway culverts, pipes that convey stormwater under the driveway apron within the right of way to convey runoff. Maintenance of these pipes is the property owner's responsibility. It is recommended that the homeowners inspect and clean their driveway culverts regularly e.g., quarterly. It is advisable to check your pipe before big storms and when you witness standing water in the swale, or the pipe is 20% or more full of sediment.

# LET'S BE CLEAR...

## Keep Grass Clippings in Your Yard



Grass clippings left in the street are carried by rain into storm drains and into our waterways. Blow or sweep yard waste back in your yard!

***What else can YOU do to save our lagoon?***



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# Malabar Community Park Resurfacing

## LOOK AT THESE BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES

The Town of Malabar is excited to announce that the basketball and tennis courts at Malabar Community Park have been resurfaced! They were well overdue for some maintenance and we are also proud to announce that the tennis court has been painted for pickleball as well! Grab your rackets or paddles and be sure to take advantage of this new upgrade.

**LET'S GET ACTIVE!**



# Board Vacancies

**IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY, JOIN ONE OF OUR BOARDS!**

The Parks and Recreation Board has 2 alternate vacancies.

The Planning and Zoning board has 2 alternate vacancies.

The Board of Adjustment has 2 alternate vacancies.

The Trails and Greenways Committee has 2 alternate vacancies.

For more information and applications for each board, please visit our website under the "Boards" tab or scan the QR code to the right!



## Town Hall Meeting Times



**MARCH 27TH: PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM**

**APRIL 1ST: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM**

**APRIL 8TH: TRAILS & GREENWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING 6:00 PM**

**APRIL 10TH: PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM**

**APRIL 15TH: REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 PM**

**APRIL 17TH: PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING 5:00 PM**

**APRIL 24TH: PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM**

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