



New Malabar Newsletter Format

The Town of Malabar will be moving our 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!

Malabar 2020 Election Results

Municipal Services Taxing Unit

On November 3, 2020, millions of Americans voted in the recent election. For the Town of Malabar, the only ballot item this year was a decision on whether to continue with the Brevard County Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). Every two years since 2008, Malabar residents have voted to decide if the Town continues to receive additional law enforcement services from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. In 2018, the MSTU Referendum passed Town wide with 87.71% in support. According to the certified election results of 2020, the MSTU referendum passed with 88.42% approval. The MSTU question will appear again on the 2022 general election ballot.

This year, the ballot question appeared as follows:

Question 1. Continued Participation in the Brevard County Law Enforcement MSTU

Shall the Town continue to participate in the Brevard County Law Enforcement MSTU?

___ Yes

___ No

Instruction to voters: If you are in favor of the continuing of the MSTU with the Brevard County Law Enforcement Patrol Services, mark the space to the left of the word "YES". If you are not in favor of continuing with Brevard County for Law Enforcement Patrol Services, mark the space to the left of the word "NO".

Mayor & Council

This year, the Town of Malabar did not hold elections for Council Members, due to only one candidate qualifying for each available position. Incumbents Brian Vail of District Two (2), Steve Rivet of District Three (3), and Mayor Patrick T. Reilly all qualified to retain their positions. Council Member Grant Ball has reached his term limit of three (3) consecutive terms and could not run for office again this year. Marisa Acquaviva has qualified to become the District One (1) Council Member. In an effort to get to know these Council Members better, here is a brief summary of each one.

Incumbent Mayor Patrick T. Reilly

Mayor Reilly has lived in Brevard County since 1972. He graduated from Satellite HS, Brevard Community College (AA in pre-Engineering) and from Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor in Science in Electrical Engineering. He has worked at Harris Corporation as a satellite antenna systems engineer since 1978 and moved to Malabar in 2001 after getting married to his wife Kathleen. They own and operate the J Bar E Stables in Malabar.

Mayor Reilly has served on the Planning and Zoning Board since November 2001 through 2016 and became Chairman in 2013. He also served a few years on the Citizens Budget Committee and was appointed Chairman his last year. Pat was elected Mayor in 2016.

Incumbent District Two (2) Council Member Brian Vail

Council Member Vail is a long time Malabar resident, who has served multiple terms on our Town Council. He is also a business owner who owns a vehicle repair shop in neighboring Palm Bay.

Incumbent District Three (3) Council Member Steve Rivet

Council Member Rivet is a 30-year resident of Malabar and served a total of 16 years on Malabar's Town Council. After a 30-year career in the semiconductor industry, he is currently a professor at the Florida Institute of Technology. Council Member Rivet has a Bachelors degree from the University of Michigan in electrical engineering, and well as a Masters and a Doctorate degree in Business Administration from the Florida Institute of Technology. He has published in the I.E.E.E. Nuclear and Space Radiation Effects conference proceedings and is a co-inventor on two patents issued for 3D power conversion module construction techniques. His hobbies include golf, fishing, growing tropical fruit, and making beer, wine, and cheese.

New District One (1) Council Member Marisa Acquaviva

District One (1) Council Member Marisa Acquaviva and her family are long-time Malabar residents. Along with her husband, they own and operate a local business in neighboring Palm Bay. Mrs. Acquaviva has previously served as the District Five (5) Council Member before the 2017 redistricting. She served with dedication and honor for three (3) consecutive terms from 2009-2015.

Thank You to Bromley “Grant” Ball for His Years of Service

Former Council Member Grant Ball served as the District One (1) Council Member for six (6) consecutive years, or three (3) terms. He has also previously served on Malabar’s Roads and Drainage Board. In addition, he served as a member of the Malabar Planning and Zoning Board, appointed in March of 2013. He resigned from that Board to serve as the Malabar Town Council representative for District 1.

Grant and his family moved to Malabar in 1961 from the Ft. Lauderdale area. He started an auto repair business in Malabar in 1967. That business is still active, although boats are now the main focus rather than cars. He and his wife, Deborah, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary and have always enjoyed being Malabar residents.

At the November 5th Special Town Council Meeting, Mayor Patrick T. Reilly presented Grant with a plaque thanking him for his years of dedicated and impartial service to the Town of Malabar. As an additional thank you from Town Staff, Grant was also presented with a Town Flag.

Malabar Christmas Tree Lighting

Join the Town of Malabar in welcoming the holiday season at our annual Christmas Tree lighting! This year’s event will be held on December 7th, at 6 PM and Malabar Community Park, or 1840 Malabar Road. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, things will look a little differently this year. Instead of sitting on Santa’s lap, kids can catch candy from a chute on Santa’s favorite Malabar Fire Truck! Warm cider, candy and holiday themed face masks will also be available for all in attendance. Be sure to bring the whole family to watch Mayor Patrick T. Reilly start the holiday season when he lights the Town tree!

Illicit Discharge Terms to Know

- Illicit discharges are defined as a storm drain that has measurable flow during dry weather containing pollutants and or pathogens. A storm drain with measurable flow but containing no pollutants is simply considered a discharge.
- The mode of entry can either be direct or indirect. Direct means that the discharge is directly connected to the storm drainpipe.

- Indirect means that flows generated outside the storm drain system enters through storm drain inlets.
- The frequency of dry weather discharges in storm drains is important, and can be classified as continuous, intermittent or transitory.
- Continuous discharges occur most or all of the time, are usually easier to detect, and typically produce the greatest pollutant load.
- Intermittent discharges occur over a shorter period of time (e.g., a few hours per day or a few days per year).
- Because they are infrequent, intermittent discharges are hard to detect, but can still represent a serious water quality problem, depending on their flow type.

Brevard County Emergency Operations Center Thanksgiving Recommendations

As Thanksgiving approaches, many of us have been left to wonder how to safely celebrate considering the COVID-19 outbreak. If having guests at your home, be sure that people follow these steps so that everyone can help to make Thanksgiving safer:

- Have a small outdoor meal with family and friends who live in your community.
- Limit the number of guests.
- Have conversations with guests ahead of time to set expectations for celebrating together.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and items between use. Limit the number of people in food preparation areas.
- • Have guests bring their own food and drink. If sharing food, have one person serve food and use single-use options, like plastic utensils