



Town of MALABAR

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Some quick facts:

Malabar had 1,175 registered voters in 1992. Thus far this year we have 2,219 registered voters. You can register to vote up until October 9, 2018 to be eligible to vote in November.

The Council in 2016 adopted an ordinance to put a question worded "Do you want single district voting?" to the voters. The result was in favor of "per district" opposed the previous "at large" voting. That passed with a vote of 1086 to 634. In 2017 the registered voters in District 4 and 5 could vote for their preferred elected candidate. This year only the registered voters in District 2 and 3 will be able to voter for their preferred candidate. District 1 is unopposed, and Council Member Grant Ball will be sworn in again for another term on Thursday November 8, 2018 along with the prevailing candidates in the other Districts. All Malabar registered voters will be voting on the Constitutional Amendments proposed to the Florida Constitution. Also, the last question on the ballot asks Malabar voters if they want to continue with the MSTU for law enforcement services from Brevard County Sheriff Office. This is on the ballot every two years.

The budget was approved for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2018. The new millage is 2.1582 or \$2.1582 for each \$1,000.00 of taxable value for tax levy. The total budget approved is \$1,908,273.00 which funds stormwater, streets, parks, administration and personnel expenses and the building department.



Council approved the purchase of this new fire truck in 2016 with funding over a five-year period.

Malabar named Brevard County's 2nd "Trail Town"

Malabar applied to the State Greenways and Trails Division of the FDEP to be considered a Florida "Trail Town" and held a special meeting and tour for State representatives to see what Malabar has to offer in August. The tour included a Power Point presentation at Town Hall, a bike ride through part of the Richard E. Cameron Sr. & Volunteers Wilderness Preserve and a kayak tour through part of Turkey Creek and finished with lunch at Malabar Mo's. We are happy to announce that the State made the public announcement on September 14, 2018 that Malabar was selected as the second Trail Town in Brevard County, making this the only county in Florida to have two "Trail Towns"

WHAT IS A FLORIDA TRAIL TOWN?

A "Trail Town" in Florida is a community located along or in proximity to one or more longdistance, non-motorized recreational trails. Whether on a rail trail, paddling trail, equestrian trail, or hiking trail, trail users can venture off the trail to enjoy the services and unique heritage of the nearby community. The town is a safe place where both residents and trail users can walk, bike, jog, etc..., find the goods and services they need, and easily access both the trail and the town. In such a town, the trail is an integral and important part of the community.



A Trail Town is a vibrant destination where people come together. A Trail Town is a friendly place which encourages trail users to visit and welcomes them with warm hospitality. It may have outdoor equipment shops, restaurants, a grocery store, quaint local shops, and lodging. It has wide sidewalks, clean streets, bike racks, and benches at convenient locations. The trail meets the needs of both the trail users and the towns residents. Residents use the trail to access work, schools, parks, and shops.

Trail Towns are not stand-alone communities; they are linked by the long-distance trail corridor. Trail users may be passing through a town on a day trip or longer trek, or may park and access other trails, such as a paddling trail. Trail users want to explore interesting and vibrant places in their travels and need services that the town provides. Basic characteristics of a successful Trail Town include:

Enticements to get trail users off the trail to explore the town

- Making clear and safe connections between the town and the trail
- Welcoming trail users by making town information readily available
- Educating businesses on the economic benefits of meeting the needs of trail tourists
- Promoting a "trail-friendly" town character
- Integrating the trail into the town's culture with annual festivals and events that draw people to the trail who may not normally be trail users
- Connecting residents safely to work, schools, parks, and shopping
- Working with neighboring communities to promote the entire long-distance trail as a tourist destination

Any trail, long or short, is an economic asset to a community. It provides free recreation for people of all ages and fitness levels, and offers opportunities to study nature or local history. The Office of Greenways and Trails' Florida Trail Town program is oriented towards towns which connect to long-distance trails, ones that attract travelers from outside the local community, and are not used solely by nearby residents. Studies show that the longer a trail is, the further people will travel to visit it, the longer they will stay, and the more money they will spend. A day-user will spend four times the amount of a local user, and is likely to make a return trip to the Trail Town. An overnight visitor will spend twice the amount of a day-user.

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