



New Malabar Newsletter Format

The Town of Malabar has moved its 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 History

Some quick facts: Malabar's current Population is 2,866 finally regaining to the pre-recession population of 2,865 in 2006. The incorporated area is 11.5 square miles and of those 10 square miles is land area. Approximately 49% of the homes in Malabar are homesteaded. There are approximately 1076 single family homes in Malabar We have several new businesses in Town: Route 1 Motorsports at 1300 Highway 1, Florida Maintenance Services, Inc. at 6525 Babcock Street, VenPaCa at 1390 Highway 1, and MCGRAPHIX Printing at 2728 Malabar Road. Harris Corporation and Digital Graphics on Jordan Boulevard are both large employers. Health First Walk in Clinic at 730 Malabar Road is also a Malabar business.

Malabar – the Early Years: The early residents of Malabar fished, farmed, kept shops, taught, preached and were landlords. There was also a sawmill, a hotel and a general store that acted as the mail delivery. A sailboat, replaced later by a steamboat carried the mail down the Indian River Lagoon from Titusville and dropped it on a dock where it was hauled up and delivered to the Huggins General store for the early Town residents to sort through. Thus began the first "post office" in Malabar. President Chester A. Arthur officially recognized Malabar's post office in 1893 by naming R.A. Ward as the

first Post Master in Malabar. Malabar incorporated in 1927 by Special Law and Mr. E.B. Arnold was elected as the Town's first Mayor. For reasons unknown to us the Town was dissolved, again by Special Law, in 1935. Years later in December of 1962, the qualified persons, registered free holders in Malabar voted to incorporate. Of the 120 registered voters, 108 voted in support of the incorporation. S.B. Brown was elected as Mayor and John Moeller, Charles Lang, Andy DeCaro and George Ackerman were the first Council Members.

Home Rule: This year we celebrate the 53rd anniversary of Home Rule becoming part of the Florida Constitution. We encourage residents to become involved in their local governments; join an advisory board, volunteer, or just attend the public meetings at Town Hall. The 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson has been credited (incorrectly) with this phrase: "the government closest to the people serves the people best" but it is nonetheless an accurate statement of why local government is important. After the voters in Florida approved the creation of Home Rule the 1968 Florida Constitution incorporated the Municipal Home Rule authority and granted them the ability to levy taxes. The Municipal Home Rule Act later became law and is found in Florida Statute 166. Recently the State has attempted to make decisions on subjects such as tree protection, sign ordinances, business operations and vacation rentals at the State level instead of the local level.

August 2021 Public Works Report

Equipment Update

- Install Cylinders in Road Grader
- John Deere Tractor Picked Up from Dealership in Ft. Peirce
- Switched Mower Heads on Kubota Tractor

See attached pages for all Mowing, Road Grading and Slope Mowing accomplishments for the month.

Streets & Roads Jobs

- Patch pothole at Hall and Rivet
- Repaired washouts at:
 - Weber Road
 - Eva Lane & Hall Road
 - Elaine Lane & Glatter Road
 - Oakridge Lane

- Ivey Lane
- Replaced Street Signs and/or Posts at:
 - Corey Road (35 MPH Speed Limit)
 - Atz Road & Corey Road
 - Shiflett Lane
 - Waring Lane
 - Ivey Lane (No Outlet)
- Clean Ditch at Stillwater Preserve
- Deliver and place 15 loads of fill on Hunter Lane
- Lay out Glatter Road Repair

Park Maintenance

- Put out and pick up Snipe Signs for Market
- Repaired Well Pump at Malabar Community Park
- Remove Bench from Malabar Community Park
- Set up Park for Market
- Spread 2 loads of Clay at Baseball Field
- Playground Instillation
 - Remove old Playground Equipment (3 Days)
 - 2 loads to scrap yard
 - 1 load to landfill

Town Hall/ Public Works Yard Projects

- Clean/Push up Marie Street Yard
- Replace A/C filters at Town Hall
- Install new compressor in P/W Shop, move old compressor into new Garage
- Clean up/prepare for replacement of Storage Boxes in P/W Yard
- Mow all Right-of-Ways