



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!

Qualified Council Candidates

At the September 12th's Regular Town Council Meeting, the Malabar Town Council qualified three Candidates for the three positions up for re-election. In District 1, current Council Member Marisa Acquaviva will be running unopposed. In District 2, incumbent candidate Brian Vail was qualified. District 3 Council Member Steve Rivet has termed out, and Jim Clevenger was qualified by Council for the position.

Malabar History

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 2022 Public Works Report

Equipment Update

- Pick up Slope Mower from Ft. Peirce
- Install new bearings on mini excavator mower head
- Drop off Sterling Dump Truck in Cocoa for repairs

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

Streets & Roads Jobs

- Mowed all ROWs in Town
- Install Stop sign at Florence Street
- Trim line of sight trees at Florence Street and Malabar Road
- Repair pipe on Corey Rd
- Patch 2 pot holes on Briar Creek Blvd

- Repair 4 sections of sidewalk in Brook Hollow
- Replaced Speed Limit sign on Weber Road

Park Maintenance

- Spray Ball Fields