



## **New Malabar Newsletter Format**

The Town of Malabar will be moving our monthly Newsletter to an online format beginning with this article. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of each 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 Elections**

### **Municipal Services Taxing Unit**

On November 3, 2020, millions of Americans will head to the polls to place their votes in the upcoming election. For the Town of Malabar, the only ballot item this year is a decision on whether to continue with the Brevard County Law Enforcement Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). Every two years Malabar residents vote 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. This year, according to Ordinance 2020-04, passed on June 15, 2020 with a 5-0 vote of Council, the ballot question will appear 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 will not be holding 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**

Future Council Woman 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.

## **Malabar Road Construction Projects**

Beginning on July 9, 2020, and continuing until approximately April 5, 2021, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be working on project 413761-1, which will focus on adding turn lanes off Malabar Road onto Corey Road and Weber Road. The project will add west bound and east bound turning lanes at Corey Road, and a west bound turning lane at Weber Road. In addition to the turn lanes, this project will also include the addition of guardrails, improvements to the drainage system, as well as pavement repair. This construction is not expected to require any major lane closures or extended detours at this time. More information regarding this state funded project can be found at [http://www.cflroads.com/project/413761-1/SR 514 from Weber Road to Corey Road](http://www.cflroads.com/project/413761-1/SR_514_from_Weber_Road_to_Corey_Road).

Another project to keep an eye on is the Railroad crossing improvements being made on Malabar Road. The Florida High Speed Rail line, supported by Brightline, will be closing Malabar Road at the crossing from 7 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2020 to 7 p.m. Saturday October 3, 2020, as well as on Saturday October 17, 2020 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Detours will be provided. Cars wishing to go northbound on U.S. Highway 1 will be rerouted North on Babcock Street and then East on Port Malabar Boulevard back to US 1. Vehicles looking to go southbound on U.S. Highway 1 will be sent South on Babcock Street and then West along Valkaria Road. The Town would like to ask non-residents to avoid using Corey and Weber Roads as alternate routes South, as these are mainly residential roads not intended for heavy traffic.