



# THE MAILBOAT



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The Town of Malabar got its 1st official Post Office and name on December 24, 1883 when R.A. Ward was named Postmaster by President, Chester A. Arthur. Two times a week, the boat that travelled down the intracoastal waterway from Jacksonville, would deliver the mail to the palmetto shack post office along the river bank at Malabar. The mail was dumped on the counter for the population of 25 to shuffle through. With the coming of the railroad, in 1893, the mail boat was no longer needed.

## Newsletter Dedicated to Joan Borcenk

The first edition of the Malabar MAILBOAT is dedicated to the memory of our beloved deputy clerk of 6 years, Joan Borcenk. Unfortunately, Joan passed away as she was preparing to come to work on February 1. She leaves her husband Frank, two daughters, two sons and 12 grandchildren. She also leaves her mother, a brother and two sisters.

Joan was a Florida Certified Municipal Clerk which she received from the Florida State University International Clerks Institute in 1992. She was a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Florida Association of City Clerks, Brevard City Clerks, and had received several awards for her outstanding work.



Her forte was in dealing with people. During the six years she was deputy clerk, many irate citizens walked into Town Hall to complain about some problem and Joan would calm them down. When they left, they would always say "thank you" to her because they knew she would do her best to see that the matter was satisfactorily resolved.

Joan will be sadly missed by all of us. We are sorry she was not able to attain the Town Clerk's position which she was supposed to take over on February 20, due to Rosalie Lasky's retirement. We want to

## Storm Water and Roads

Tropical storm Gordon certainly pointed out the necessity of having a good drainage system. It showed that development of property interrupts the natural flow of water, and places which were not flooded before became impassable. Standing water is not only a nuisance but also a health hazard. Our Town Engineer, Lisa Lombardi, has just completed phase 1 of our storm water management plan. Phase 2 has just begun. If we have enough money and are fortunate enough to obtain some grant money, we will be able to complete this program in 1995.

Because 90 percent of the roads in Malabar are constructed of dirt and sand, repairing and maintaining these roads are top priorities. The Public Works Department grades these roads almost on a daily basis. Some roads are travelled more than others and consequently need more attention. The Town purchased a large amount of marl recently which it will use to start crowning roads. This program will start just as soon as time allows.

### First Newsletter

This is the first edition of the Town newsletter, **The MAILBOAT**. We plan to publish it quarterly and highlight important activities in the Town of Malabar. We hope you find it informative. If you have any ideas to make it better and still remain within our budget, please attend one of our meetings and share your ideas with us.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: We came up with the name THE MAILBOAT on a suggestion from Joan Borcenk. We hope it serves as a tribute to her memory.*

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dear Citizens,

I hope you will enjoy this newsletter which will be written each quarter. I feel it is imperative that we communicate with the citizens we work for. I am in the fourth year as Town Administrator, and I have immensely enjoyed serving the residents. Being the first person to hold this position, I find it very challenging. I have had not only to prove my own capabilities but also that Council made a prudent decision by creating this area of responsibility. I have established a rapport with the council, citizens, federal, state, county and surrounding cities that have a part in controlling our destiny. We have been successful in obtaining \$800,000 in funds that will be used for stormwater drainage, a new park, a turn lane at the post office and paving roads. Among my responsibilities is to supervise the Public Works Department, a staff that we can all be very proud of. They are professional, dedicated members of our team and work very hard on a daily basis to offer solutions to residents' road and drainage problems.



However, in order to remain a great Town, we cannot stand still. We need to remember the past to celebrate its successes. We need to learn from our failures and difficulties and plan to avoid those failures and minimize those difficulties.

If you are already involved, keep up the good work. If you are not, consider serving on a town board or volunteering for a local group. We cannot maintain what is in the present and will not meet the challenges of the future without the active support of the citizens. I continue to be available to answer questions or comments citizens may have. Please write, call 727-7764, or stop by my office located in the town hall.

Thank you for your time,

  
William Hall

# MALABAR FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Malabar Fire Department responded to 322 calls in the year 1994. The department, at present, consists of 44 fire-fighters/rescue personnel, 2 fire police, 8 active dispatch/associate members and several applications. Of the 44 active firefighters, 24 are State of Florida certified volunteers, 7 are fully certified firefighters, 8 are EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians), and 6 are First Responders.



These volunteers are very dedicated and spend many hours away from their families while responding to calls, training, manning the station, and working on the building or equipment. The pagers they carry show no mercy as to the hour they may go off and a volunteer must respond to the station to be sent to a fire, vehicle accident or rescue call.

In 1994 we were inspected by ISO (Insurance Services Office) to set a new insurance rating. The rating for areas in the Town with hydrants changed from 9 to 5 effective November 1st. In some instances, this may result in a cost savings to residents. We are working on having strategically located ponds accepted as water sources to bring the rating down in the remainder of the Town.

By Town Ordinance, yard trash is not be permitted to be burned. Harris Sanitation makes a pick up of yard trash every Thursday. We do however, issue burning permits for first time land clearing.

We are always in search of new members, men and women. No special skills or previous experience is required. If you are interested in learning more about the Malabar Fire Department, or are interested in joining, stop by the station for an application. The department meets every Thursday night for training or business meetings, but the station is manned the majority of the time for calls. We welcome you to stop by and visit or for a tour anytime.

Charles D. McClelland, Fire Chief

**TRASH BASH APRIL 1st**

**KEEP BREVARD BEAUTIFUL NEEDS YOUR HELP**

**CALL: JOHN KELVINGTON 727-7771**

**TO VOLUNTEER**




# Town Happenings . . .

## New Building to Store Machinery

Approval has been given to Certified Contractors of Melbourne, Florida to construct a new 50-foot by 75-foot enclosed building behind the Town Hall on Centre Street. The Town has made a considerable investment in road maintenance machinery and needs to protect it from damaging elements and provide a place for repair.

## Rosalie Lasky to Leave

Our Town Clerk for the past eight years, Rosie Lasky, has decided to retire. Mrs. Lasky is a very dedicated employee who, not only is the keeper of all the records of the Town, but is also the Chief Financial Officer. She will be greatly missed. We thank her for her untiring efforts and wish her the best for a long, happy retirement.

Our new Deputy Clerk began Feb. 13th. Welcome Susan Kilian.



## Committees

The Town could not operate without the assistance of the various committees. These volunteers give much of their time in an advisory position to the Council. If you would care to join a committee, please fill out an application with the Town Clerk.

## Country Cove Water

Construction will begin soon on the water line to serve Country Cove residents. The construction, slated to take approximately 60 days, is a result of the developer's agreement between Country Cove and the Town of Malabar. The water line will be an extension of the current water system.

## Trash Pickup

Residents are reminded that Harris Sanitation is the trash collector for our Town. In order for them to pick up trash, you must be a current subscriber. It is a violation of law to put trash on the road right-of-way without being a customer, and the Code Enforcement Officer will be enforcing this provision.

## Gordon Cancels Picnic

Talk about unwelcome guests. Gordon came visiting at the same time we scheduled our Town picnic. The Fire Department Park grounds were saturated with water, so the picnic was cancelled. However, we are persistent, and it has been re-scheduled for **March 11, 1995**. Please mark your calendar.

## Meeting Dates

Council meets twice per month. Meetings are usually the first and third Mondays at 7:30 pm. Planning and Zoning meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 8:00 pm. Parks and Recreation meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are held at the Town Hall.

## Malabar's Newest Industry

Data Management opened its doors for business in late February. This facility, located on Jordan Boulevard, is our newest addition in the industrial world and will employ about 80 people. Welcome to our Town; we look forward to a good relationship.

## Malabar Plans a Park

A State Grant has been approved to give the Town a park near the Fire Department on Malabar Road. The first phase will include exercise areas, a walking (jogging) trail around the lake, rest rooms and parking area. This park will work in conjunction with the County park which adjoins the Town property on the east side to Marie Street. The first phase will be finished in 1995, and then an application for more funding will be made for phase 2 which will include a baseball field, tennis and basketball courts and a soccer field. This is an energetic undertaking, and support from the community is essential. If you feel as though you have time and talent to donate, please contact Bill Hall 727-7764.

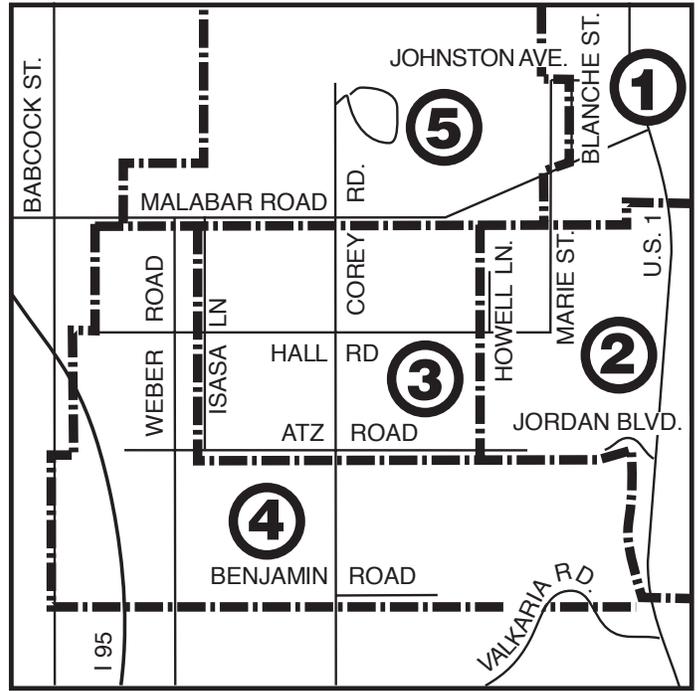
## US #1 Corridor Zoning

After the public meetings and Council approval, the US #1 Residential Limited Commercial zoning change has been submitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for final approval. It is expected they will render a decision by mid-March. This change was in response to a large majority of residents requesting a change from General Commercial to Residential.

## Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Phillip Crews 2480 Johnston Avenue	951-0422
District 2	Julane Kikla 2730 Rocky Point Road	676-3698
District 3	John Detwiler 1780 Eva Lane	725-7759
District 4	Yovone Rasor 3165 Kramer Lane	722-2627
District 5	Jim Hurley 1205 Pemberton Trail	951-2012
Mayor	Jerry Durand 1460 Hall Road	724-0123
Town Administrator	Bill Hall Town Hall	727-7764
Town Clerk/ Treas.	Susan Kilian Town Hall	727-7764



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