



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.

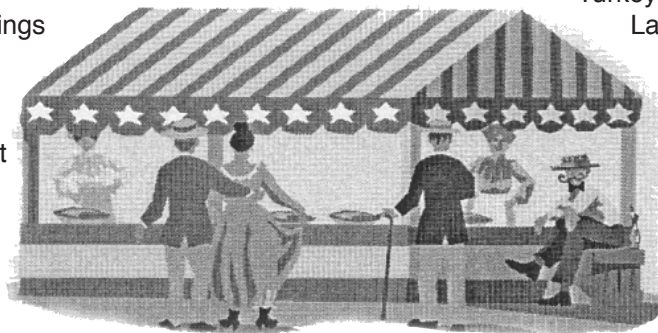
MALABAR DAY SET FOR APRIL

The Town of Malabar will hold its Malabar Day Celebration on Saturday, April 1 from 11am until 6pm, at Malabar Community Park, located off Malabar Road, adjacent to the Malabar Fire Station.

The event will focus on local businesses. In past years businesses were solicited for donations and door prizes. This year we have invited them to set up displays to promote and/or sell their products or services, and we've had a tremendous response from the local community. If you are interested in reserving a space to sell your arts or crafts, or to promote your home business, please call Debby at 727-7764.

Instead of using caterers, the dinners will be prepared and served by Malabar's own Yellow Dog Cafe. Owners Stuart and Nancy Borton are making this donation of their time and talent at no cost to the Town. What a great example of civic pride, we salute them! Money raised from the food sales will go into the Park and Recreation Fund. Hamburgers and hotdogs will also be available, with volunteers manning the grill.

Malabar Day is packed with things to see and do. Malabar Boy Scout Troop 37 is supervising a fishing contest (bring your own pole). Malabar Cub Scout Pack 37 will also be there to help supervise the kiddie games. There will be mixed class car show with First and



Second place trophies, and a Peoples Choice award. A petting zoo, storytellers, and a bike safety rodeo will be fun for all. Bikes will be provided and helmets will be given away free to those children that complete the rodeo. Watch in awe as the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department perform a jaws of life rescue. Experience a re-enactment of a civil war camp. Climb the Monolith, a 25 foot tall mobile rock climbing wall. Come out and listen to Bluegrass, watch a Karate demonstration, be fascinated by a performance from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit, and more! Additional activities are still being planned at the time of this printing.

Our entertainment this year is also donated. Malabar residents, Rick and Chris Rakauskas have two bands that will perform: 'Up the Creek' plays contemporary rock and roll and oldies, and the 'Pol-Kats' will entertain us with Polka. In addition, 'Celtic Sessions' will also perform. There are also additional locals who have lined up to play bluegrass. Come on down and join in.

There will be displays set up by local trail riding clubs, the Turkey Creek Sanctuary, the Indian River Lagoon, the Malabar Baptist Church, the Malabar Post Office, and many other local businesses.

So mark your calendars and come out to enjoy your community for a fun-filled day!

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Join me in extending a warm welcome to Malabar's new postmaster, Maxie Stout. Maxie was formerly the postmaster in Melbourne Beach and in Wabasso and brings with her years of experience. I was fortunate to have met Maxie on her first day and was impressed by her sincerity. Please stop by, introduce yourself, and make Maxie feel like a welcome part of our community.



About a year and a half ago the Brevard Zoo hired a new director. Her name is Margo McKnight. Margo is very energetic and knowledgeable. If you haven't been to the Brevard Zoo lately you really should go and enjoy the changes. Under Margo's direction the zoo is expanding fast. They also have an ongoing agenda for special events. You can call 254-3002 for more details or visit their website at www.brevardzoo.org.

By now you may have seen our new grader. The old one was purchased in 1983 and quit working without warning. Repairing it would have cost \$29,000. The new grader is the same model as the previous one but is more user friendly and will require less of a maintenance budget.

The State of Florida has awarded Malabar a grant to purchase the old schoolhouse on Marie Street to be used as a community center. Council will be making the decision whether to accept or decline possession of the school house in August 2000. How do you feel about owning the school house? I'm sure Council would appreciate hearing your opinion. It only takes a few minutes of time to convey your feelings to the Council regarding important issues like this. And to make this even easier for you, we will have survey cards at the ticket booth on Malabar Day, please fill one out. This will provide valuable feedback regarding not only the school house issue, but continued growth in Malabar.

Speaking of Malabar day, the Park Board is working very hard to have the best and biggest ever Malabar Day on April 1st, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

On a sad note, Mr. Vincent Glatter passed away on March 3rd. He and his parents are one of the original pioneer families of Malabar. Mr. Glatter contributed much to Malabar behind the scenes and Glatter Road is named after his family. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. Mr. Glatter will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Bill Hall, Town Administrator

WHAT DIRECTION DO YOU WANT MALABAR TO DEVELOP?

Someone once said that the only thing that is constant is change. Malabar has seen many changes over the years while still maintaining its rural qualities. Here you can choose to live on an acre or more and stable your horses in your back yard, or you can enjoy the advantages of a developed community. But where do you envision growth in Malabar? That is the current question of your Town Council. Through this newsletter, and also at the ticket booth on Malabar Day, we are asking for your input. Would you like to see Malabar Road widened to four lanes? Would you be interested in attracting business along US1 and Malabar Road? Or do you want to maintain the current rural lifestyle? The future of the growth in Malabar is in the hands of your Town Council and they need your input to make plans for the future of your Town.

UPDATE ON THE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT

In the last newsletter we informed you that the Town Council had begun procedures for the proposed use of tax roll billing for two items – the Harris Sanitation collection fee, and a proposed stormwater utility fee.

At the December 6th Council meeting two resolutions (one for each assessment) passed. This action put the Brevard County Tax Collector and the Property Appraiser on notice that the Town may choose to use tax roll billing to collect the above fees.

The decision to adopt these items will not be until late spring. The Town will run legal ads and send out a mass mailing to each landowner that will be affected. The mass mailing will contain information about your parcel as well as the time and place of the public hearing that will be held when Council considers these items for adoption.

Until you are properly notified please continue to pay your Harris Sanitation bill as usual.

VALKARIA AIRPORT BOARD

There were several applicants that submitted letters of interest and background, and we would like to thank one and all for their interest and Town spirit. The position on the Valkaria Airport Board has been filled by Mr. Eric Erixson.

Town Happenings . . .

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Our Planning and Zoning Board is in need of new members. After logging many years of service, and many hours of meetings, both Jorilet Paets and Paul Eden have resigned. They were very dedicated to the development of Malabar and take with them many years of Malabar history. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

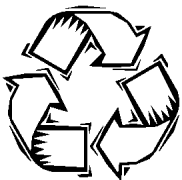
This leaves us in need of two alternate Board members. An alternate is involved in all discussion but only votes in the absence of a regular member. Being in the alternate position for a period of time allows you to gain knowledge about how the Board operates. Then when there is an opening on the board the alternate position fills the vacancy. We are currently taking applications from those who are interested. Planning and Zoning acts as an advisory board to the Council and is currently addressing recommendations made by the Code Revision Committee in updating our current Land Development Code. P&Z also makes recommendations on current zoning, land use, and land development issues for the Town.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides for **FREE** tax help in the community. Volunteers are trained and certified by the Internal Revenue Service and help people with basic returns, including persons with disabilities, non-English speaking individual and the elderly.

To find a location near you and also what documents and papers need to be provided, call 1-800-829-1040.

RECYCLE YOUR PHONEBOOKS ! APRIL 17 – MAY 19, 2000



Phone books WILL NOT be accepted in your recycling bin. You can recycle your phone book in the dumpster with the bright yellow sticker located next to the rail road tracks at Town Hall from April 17th through May 19th.

SPRING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUNDUP

What better way to ring in the new millennium than by reducing the amount of household chemical products from around your house. Household Hazardous Waste, such as paint, automotive fluids, pool chemicals and pesticides are not collected with your normal garbage. Take the time to sort through your garage, shed, even under the bathroom and kitchen sinks and dispose of unwanted chemicals through the Brevard County Household Hazardous Waste Roundup.

The products should be brought to the Roundup in non-leaking, labeled containers. This service is **FREE** to homeowners! The event is open from 10:00am to 4:00pm only. It is schedule for Saturday March 25th at the Brevard Community College Melbourne Campus, and on April 1st at DeLaura Jr. High School in Satellite Beach. Call 635-7954 for more info.

Other than roundup day, the closest place to properly dispose of these items, is the Sarno Landfill, 3370 Sarno Road, Melbourne. Hazardous Waste is collected on Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 1st 11AM-6PM Malabar Day at Malabar Community Park (next to Fire Department)

April 15th 8AM-12PM Trash Bash at Town Hall

STANDARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

The Town Council normally meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm.

The Planning and Zoning Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

The Park Board meets the third Wednesday of the the monthe at 7:30 pm.

All meetings take place at Town Hall. All cancellations and meeting notices are posted on the sign in front of the Fire Department, at the Post Office and at Town Hall.

Malabar Business Spotlight

This issue we're looking at a business that has a cozy, comfortable atmosphere. One that has some of the best Italian cuisine in the area. For those of you still wondering, it's Diogo's Italian Cuisine on US 1 just south of Malabar Road. It's a restaurant where everything is cooked to order. The bread is made fresh daily in their kitchen, so is the sauce that takes seven or eight hours to cook, as well as their delicious lasagna. Diogo and his wife Maria have run the restaurant together since 1984. Together they have created their dream; a restaurant that is known only by word of mouth (they don't advertise) using their desire to please their customers and create wonderful food. You can tell how much they like what they do, or as Diogo says, "Happy pays off."

Diogo's has a large selection of fresh seafood, pasta dishes, chicken and veal. Their lunches feature delicious subs and meals. The best part is that you can order from either the lunch menu (11am-3pm) or the dinner menu (11am-9pm). If you're looking for a fast-food type dinner, this is not for you, although they do have a very nice salad bar. This is a place to sit back and enjoy a fine meal. Their "veal a casa," which has a Portuguese flair, is sautéed not fried, and their new dish, "pork loin parmesan" is baked with mozzarella cheese. The "veal Madeira" also has a Portuguese influence. Their most requested dishes are "eggplant parmesan" and "chicken picatta." They also have homemade flan that is very good and an assortment of other desserts.

Diogo takes pride in the quality of his meals and the cleanliness of his restaurant and invites you to stop in for dinner or lunch. Bring your friends and enjoy a fine meal.

MALABAR PRIDE – TRASH BASH 2000

Of course we're proud of Malabar and our pride is demonstrated in part by the clean-up that many of our citizens have participated in over the years. If you haven't gotten involved before, this is a good time to start. Come to Town Hall to sign up and join the annual trash bash on April 15th from 8am to noon. Volunteers will be listening to music by Up the Creek while enjoying pizza and soda as a thank you for their efforts.



THE 2000 ELECTION

Do you plan to vote in any of the upcoming elections? Are you sure you are registered to vote? If you are not currently registered, and if you are planning to vote in any of the upcoming elections, did you know that the cut-off date to register is almost an entire month before the actual voting date? These, and any other questions you may have, can be answered by the Supervisor of Elections Office locally at 952-6328.

By the time of our next newsletter we will be actively publicizing the seats that will be up for election, so now is the time to begin thinking about taking an active role in your community. This year candidate qualifying is September 8 through September 22nd. We have four seats up, one of which will be vacated due to an expired term. John Detwiler (District 3) will have served our town for six years this coming November and will have reached the end of his term limit. Also up for election this year will be the District 1 and District 2 seats, held by Elizabeth Ritter and Charlene Horton respectively. And the position of Mayor, currently Phil Crews, will also be voted on. The date of the General Election this year is November 7th.

Stop the Water Thief

Over the years many people have moved to our lovely state and specifically, to Malabar. Some of us remember Corey Road when it was just a dirt road with only 4 mailboxes on it. As good (or bad) as it is to have a few neighbors, our water supply is the same as it was back then. It's the main thing that does not grow at the same rate as our population. That means that bottom line we need to be more careful than ever with our WATER. If we don't we might end up having to spend quite a bit to purify ocean water for our drinking needs.

Many of us had, or knew someone that had, a well dry up last summer. No one ever said that it was fun or inexpensive to drill a deeper well. The only way to help the situation get any better is to take voluntary steps to conserve as much water as we can.

Watering plants and lawns before 10 A.M. and after 4 P.M. keeps the sun from evaporating the water we want to get to the plants. Between those hours, so much evaporation can take place that the water never reaches the roots of the plants. By turning off hoses and faucets when not in actual use we can also cut down on water waste. This simply means we need to be sensible when it comes to water usage. That's another way to avoid water restrictions. Remember, we all share this earth and it's water.

APRIL 1, 2000 IS CENSUS DAY

Census 2000 will be the largest peace-time mobilization in U.S. history and will include more than 860,000 workers reaching out to an anticipated 275 million people across the United States. To make this endeavor a success, this mammoth undertaking will need your help. The goal of Census 2000 is to reach every person living in this country, whether they want to be counted or remain anonymous.

Five BIG Reasons Why You Should Fill Out Your Census Form.

1. Help Your Community Thrive.

Does your neighborhood have a lot of traffic congestion, elderly people living alone or over crowded schools? Census numbers can help your community work out public improvement strategies. Non-profit organizations use census numbers to estimate the number of potential volunteers in communities across the nation.

2. Get Help in Times of Need.

Many 911 emergency systems are based on maps developed for the last census. Census information helps health providers predict the spread of disease through communities with children or elderly people. When floods, tornadoes or earthquakes hit, the census tells rescuers how many people will need their help. When Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida in 1992, census information aided the rescue effort by providing estimates of the number of people in each block.

3. Make Government Work for You.

It's a good way to tell our leaders who we are and what we need. The numbers are used to help determine the distribution of over \$100 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds. We're talking hospitals, highways, stadiums and school lunch programs. Using census numbers to support their request for a new community center, senior citizens in one New England community successfully argued their case before county commissioners.

4. Reduce Risk for American Business.

Because census numbers help industry reduce financial risk and locate potential markets, businesses are able to produce the products you want. "All the Basic Facts You Need to Know to Start a New Business," a publication of the Massachusetts Department of Commerce, shows small businesses how to use census numbers to determine the marketability of new products.

5. Help Yourself and Your Family.

Individual records are held confidential for 72 years, but you can request a certificate from past censuses that can be used as proof to establish your age, residence or relationship, information that could help you qualify for a pension, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance. In 2072, your great-grandchildren may want to use census information to research family history. Right now, your children may be using census information to do their homework.

The census is strictly confidential. Census workers are sworn to secrecy, and responses are combined with others so no one outside the Census Bureau can connect individual answers with a name or address. The Bureau has also created a simpler questionnaire that is easier to complete and return.

Help us spread the word to your friends and co-workers about the importance of the census. Set the record straight by helping dispel myths about confidentiality and uses of the census information. Let them know the information collected is protected by law and why it's so important to our communities.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in taking census counts in your community, you can apply for a position with the Census Bureau by calling toll-free, 1-800-325-7733 for information on testing and hiring in your area.

Because we've had a census every 10 years since 1790, we know how far America has come.

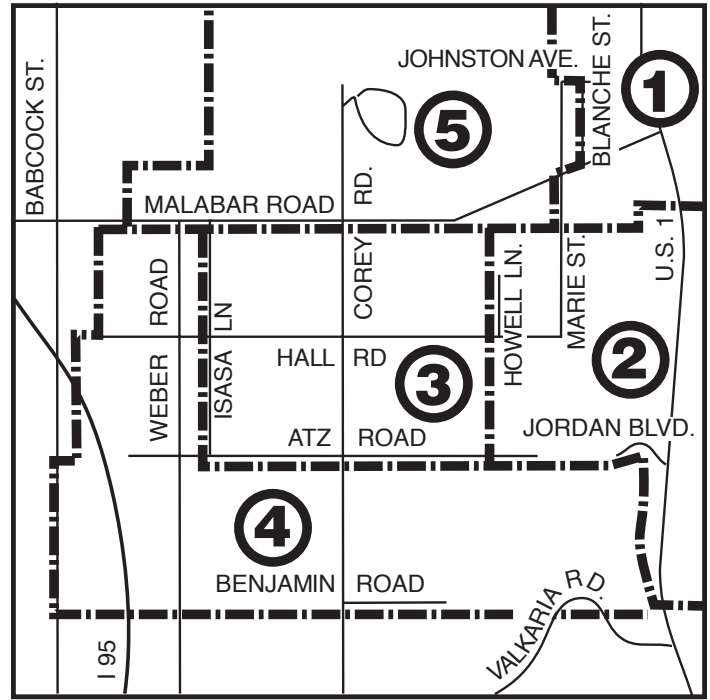
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Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Elizabeth Ritter 350 Camelot Circle	723-5845
District 2	Charlene Horton 2175 LaCourt Lane	727-2194
District 3	John Detwiler 1780 Eva Lane	725-7759
District 4	Tom Eschenberg 2835 Beran Lane	724-1007
District 5	Henry Dekker 1260 Hollow Brook Lane	722-9717
Mayor	Phillip Crews 2480 Johnston Ave.	951-0422
Town Administrator	Bill Hall Town Hall	723-3261
Town Clerk/ Treasurer	Susan Kabana Town Hall	727-7764
County Comm.	Nancy Higgs, Dist. 3	952-6300
State Senator	Patsy Kurth, Dist. 15	984-4951



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