



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 is APRIL 12th

It is that time of year again! Time to come out, enjoy the sunshine, meet old friends, make new friends, and have a good time. The annual Malabar Day Celebration is set for Saturday, April 12, 2003 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm at Malabar Community Park. Food, beer, music, entertainment, pony rides for the kids, and magic shows throughout the day will all be part of the extravaganza! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Local businesses will again be a key highlight for this year's event. We invite our local businesses to come out and sell, advertise, and promote their business. Some of the local businesses that have participated in the past are Angel Air, Berri Patch Preschool, Bill Howard from BCC Air Conditioning, Callagy Tires, Camelot RV Park, Data Management, Jonan Enterprises, Malabar Mo's, Malabar RV Supply, Rent-a-Space, Shutter Cutters, Sunshine Food Mart, and the Yellow Dog Cafe. Arts and crafts, including Folklife demonstrations in woodworking, weaving, and more, will also be featured. If you are a crafter and would like to reserve a space, or a vendor who would like to apply, please call Debby at Town Hall, 727-7764.

The WA1A 107.1 FM van will start the event off with a live remote from the park. Live music from local bands will entertain throughout the afternoon. The mixed class car show is always a hit, with judging set for 3:00 pm for 1st, 2nd, and Best in Show. Call Ron Garrison at 724-5322 to pre-register for \$15.00, or pay \$17.00 the day of the show. The

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Charter Referendum on March 25th Ballot

March 25, 2003 is the date for a special general election and in Malabar there will be two items on the ballot. The first item will be to elect a new State Senator for District 26. The second item will be on a proposed amendment to the Town of Malabar's Charter.

It has been discovered by the Charter Review Committee that there is a discrepancy between the way Council Members are voted into office and the wording in the charter. Since the inception of the charter Council Members have run for office within their district but have been voted on 'at large', meaning that all citizens vote for all Council Member seats. But during a recent review of the town's charter it was discovered that the wording reflects that each Council Member should be voted on only by the citizens in the district where they live.

This discrepancy motivated a citizens group (who named themselves the Charter Referendum Committee and are not affiliated with town hall) to mobilize and collect the required number of petitions from registered voters in town so an item could be placed on the March 25th ballot. On March 25th the voters will decide if Council Members should be voted on 'at large' or if they should be voted on in five separate districts. Voting 'yes' on this referendum item will mean that you are for voting 'at large'. Voting 'no' will mean that you are not in favor of voting 'at large' but that you prefer voting for only your Council Member from your district.

Town Happenings . . .

An Introduction by Ed Booth

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community. I want to describe my management style, my vision for the Town, and the priorities the Town Council has set for me.

First my background. I was born into an Army family and it was natural for me to enter the Army after my graduation. I have a Master's degree in Public Administration/Management from Webster University. I spent a career in the Army with Infantry, Armor Cavalry, and Aviation units. The last 5 years were dedicated in management of military communities. I have managed towns of various sizes for the past 10 years. My reason for coming to Malabar was location, location, location, I'm sure for the same reasons you located here. Other than work, my interests are flying and I will be boating as soon as I purchase a boat.

My management style is proactive and open to the public and I require town employees to be customer orientated. It is my desire to maintain town hall as a place the citizens want to come and expect to be served. When not at a meeting I am always open to speak to the public. In fact I solicit your opinions and suggestions. It is only with the participation of the citizens of Malabar that we can improve the quality of life while at the same time maintaining the rural atmosphere we enjoy. Please feel free to come by and talk.

Over the next year my one of my goals is to improve drainage and fix roads. And, with the use of prisoners, we will clear the pepper trees along US1.

National Day of Prayer

May 1st, 10 am at Town Hall
Pastor Dan Wilkerson from the First Baptist Church of Malabar will be at Town Hall on May 1st to lead us in prayer at 10:00 a.m. for the National Day of Prayer. There are no requirements other than wanting to spend a moment or two in quiet contemplation.

Charter Review Committee

The Town Council, along with a group of citizens appointed by the Council, are reviewing our town charter. The charter contains the basics for the organization of our municipal government and the purpose of the committee is to correct inconsistencies and suggest revisions for those items that need updating. One of the items that the committee found was the inconsistency in the way Council Members are voted into office. And there are other items that the Committee has found to discuss, and when they complete the review the Council will decide which of the items should be addressed by the public and those items will be referendums on the upcoming November ballot.

Trash Bash

April 19th, 8 am - Noon

Have you ever wanted to help with trash bash but forgot to mark your calendars? Not to worry, this is your reminder. Trash bash is April 19th from 8 a.m. to Noon. You can come to town hall the day of the event, register, and pick up supplies, or if you would like to pre-register you can call town hall and we'll be happy to pass your name on to Carl Beatty who organizes the event. And at noon, after all your hard work, you are invited to Town Hall for pizza and soda.

Senior TranServe

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED

Please call today to help seniors in need, 726-6465 or 543-8020.

This is a new program sponsored by the Community Services Council of Brevard and RSVP. The program is designed to benefit homebound seniors. The service is free for all seniors 55 and over who need rides to doctor and dental appointments, to visit loved ones in the hospital or rehab center, food shopping, etc.

Malabar Park: Help Wanted

WANTED: Contract individual to work in town parks.

The Town of Malabar is looking for a contract individual to maintain the town parks. Responsibilities will include grass cutting and clearing of wooded areas. Daily cleaning of the public restrooms, and general maintenance of the park and pavilions, including painting and dragging of the ball fields. The town will provide all materials and equipment. Individuals will be expected to work a minimum of 160 hours a month. Bids will be for the yearly amount. Submit the bid no later than April 1, 2003.

Town Hall Maintenance: Help Wanted

WANTED: Contract individual for cleaning of town hall.

The Town of Malabar is looking for a contract individual to clean the town hall. Responsibilities include vacuuming, cleaning of restrooms, dusting, window washing, and to report building maintenance needs. Individuals are expected to work a minimum of 40 hours a month. Bids will be for the yearly amount. Submit the bid no later than April 1, 2003.

Passed Resolutions and Ordinances

These are the Resolutions and Ordinances that passed since the last newsletter.

Resolution 22-02 vacation of right-of-way for Mr. Wiebelt.

Resolution 23-02 dedication of right-of-way from Mr. Wiebelt.

Resolution 24-02 (this number accidentally skipped.)

Resolution 25-02 asking for funding support from House Bill 851 for stormwater.

Resolution 26-02 dedication of right-of-way from Mr. Borer.

Resolution 27-02 budget adjustment allowing for additional paving and allowing for donation of funds from Wal-Mart, Inc.

Resolution 01-03 allowing for a town credit card.

Ordinance 03-01 road ordinance amendments allowing for variance applications and reducing road-bed requirements.

Ordinance 03-02 allowing for not using ponds in impervious surface calculations for building.

Your Opinion Counts

Over the next year we will be asking you to give us your opinion on a number of topics that directly effect your community. The Town of Malabar is at a crossroads with development, public facilities, transportation and quality of life issues. To better help inform the Town Council, I am trying to put together the overall desires of the community. Your opinion on direct questions will be one of the major ways the desires of the community are relayed to the Council.

The first question is about growth. There are many opinions about growth, from not allowing any growth, to allowing the community to grow as fast as it can. I will not list the pros of cons of growth as many of you already have strong opinions and I do not want to sway anyone for or against.

Please give your opinion by calling town hall at 727-7764 and telling us what you think. You can email me at ebooth@malabartown.org or you can mail your opinion to 2725 Malabar Road, Malabar, FL 32950. You can also come by Town Hall.

MALABAR DAY WILL BE HELD APRIL 12TH AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. THE SUCCESS OF THE DAY DEPENDS OF HAVING PEOPLE TO MAN THE BOOTHS. PLEASE CALL TOWN HALL IF YOU CAN BE A MALABAR DAY VOLUNTEER!



“Garage Sale” Booth at Malabar Day to Benefit Injured Child

Bring Items for Donation to Jonan Storage.

Malabar Day will be held Saturday April 12 this year and will be special for more reasons than one. A group of Malabar citizens have organized a fundraiser in the form of a “garage” sale at one of the booths. All proceeds will benefit the family of Brevard County Sheriff Deputy Tola Baum, whose 9-year-old daughter Kimberly was severely injured in a swing set accident three years ago. Kimberly recently returned from Miami where she underwent her 9th extensive abdominal surgery.

Like so many deputies, Baum relies on overtime hours to meet living expenses and has been unable to work while being at his daughter’s side during her surgery in Miami. The funds raised at Malabar day will go toward paying everyday bills and living expenses from lost wages.

Jonan Storage, directly behind town hall, has generously donated a unit where items for the “garage” sale will be stored until Malabar Day. So clean out your nooks and crannies folks, and bring the items to Jonan Storage starting March 24 through April 10, Monday through Saturday between 10 AM and 4 PM. Call Jonan Storage at 725-0739 for directions.

The items will go on sale at “Kimmy’s Booth” on Malabar Day. To make a tax deductible contribution, go to the nearest Bank of America and ask to donate to the Kimberly Baum Trust Fund. For more information, call Sheila Eschenberg at 724-1007.

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Space Coast Model Sailing Club is a member of the American Model Yachting Association and will give hands-on demonstrations of their radio-controlled sailboats between racing events. Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places (standard regulations). Malabar’s Boy Scout Troop 37, along with Pack 37, will coordinate the fishing contest for kids 12 and younger. Remember to bring your poles. A favorite with young and old alike the Sheriff’s Canine Unit will perform at 2:00 pm. The Malabar Volunteer Fire Department will also demonstrate during the day.

This year we are hoping to have several great grand prizes to give away. Just fill out an entry form the day of the event and you could be the winner of a new DVD player, or a MP3 player, or a half day sailing lesson from Little Island Sailing Academy! We will also give away gift certificates for meals and movies from local businesses. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and plan to spend an enjoyable day! Proceeds from the day will go towards park improvements.

Town Council Agenda Web Location

Any upcoming Council agenda is posted on our website the by the Thursday before the meeting. Regular Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Special Meetings and Workshops are randomly held. The location of the agenda on the web is **www.malabartown.org/agenmin.html**. Scroll down on the right window and click on the current Council agenda link. Save this as a favorite site for future use.

Permitted Uses on EELS Property

The people of Malabar enjoy one of the few remaining areas of "Real Florida" left in Brevard. Over the past few years pristine and undeveloped lands have been preserved by a program called EEL's (Environmentally Endangered Lands). This program provides for the purchase and preservation of sensitive land and the ecosystems they support. These areas belong to the people and we are encouraged to enjoy them, however there are rules to the use of these lands that provide for the safety and protection of both the resident flora and fauna and the people who enjoy observing them.

Permitted uses include:

- Hiking
- Biking
- Horse back riding
- Fishing (license required)

Prohibited uses include:

- Any type of motorized vehicles, including ATV's and motorized cycles
- Overnight camping
- Open fires
- Hunting
- The harassment or molestation of any animal or plant
- Possession or use of any type of firearm, hunting bow, air rifles, pistols, etc.
- The destruction or defacing of any type of gate, fence, or signage

The Brevard Parks and Rec Department has promised to have the newest preserve fenced and gated within the next few months. This area has been used in the recent past for dumping, illegal hunting, and camping. We encourage our residents to use these areas and report any illegal or unauthorized use. The offenders will leave the area alone if a law-abiding public presence is seen. To report misuse or illegal activities call the Brevard County Sheriff's Department, or the Brevard County Parks and Rec Department, or you can call town hall.

Eagle Corps Citizen Patrol

By Tom Eschenberg

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

That phrase tends to remind a person of the American revolutionary war or the American civil war. It is certainly the highest form of volunteerism that puts life in jeopardy. Our present group of Eagle Corps volunteers is not likely to be in any life threatening situation, but their dedication to the town of Malabar and their volunteer citizen patrol job is of the highest order. The original group of ten, who are all still on the job today, started patrols in mid-October of last year. The ten volunteers are paired into teams with each team assigned a certain day to patrol. Two of the teams are husband and wife. Since we do not have enough volunteers to provide full day-time coverage Monday through Friday no particular hours are set for patrols. Volunteers choose their own hours at random. Between mid-October and the end of the year, the volunteers spent 70 hours on 26 patrols and drove almost 1000 miles. Although no criminal activity was observed, a number of items such as signs down or a road needing attention were reported that were referred to the appropriate town department for action.

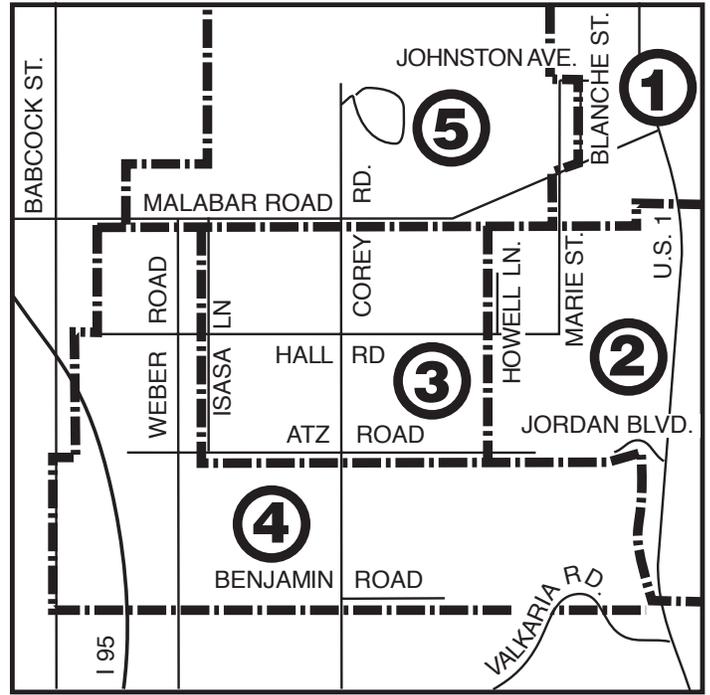
In order to provide better coverage and make Malabar an even more undesirable town for criminals, at least 10 more volunteers are needed. Eight of the ten present volunteers are retired. This is understandable since most people have to work Monday through Friday. There must be at least 10 more retirees in Malabar who are willing to give 3 or 4 hours a week to help assure the security of their Malabar neighbors. Also, some people have a work schedule where they are off work one day a week, or every other week, and could volunteer 3 or 4 hours a month. A 20 hour training course is provided for new volunteers. The job is not dangerous if you follow procedures taught in the training course, nor is it physically demanding. It is rewarding in getting to know your town and having the opportunity to meet and talk with Malabar residents you would not meet in any other way. There is also a great satisfaction in knowing that you are serving in the betterment of your community.

Please seriously consider joining the Eagle Corps. For further information call Tom Eschenberg at 724-1007 or stop by the town hall and pick up an application.

Know Your Representatives on Council

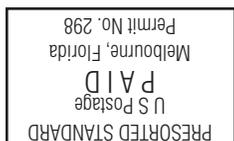
The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Jane Havet 1125 Marie St.	728-4494
District 2	Brian Hunter 2825 US 1	956-2014
District 3	Steve Rivet 2005 Rivet Lane	956-6551
District 4	Bobbi Moccia 3135 Kramer Lane	722-3447
District 5	Bob Rossman 1635 Country Cove Cr.	729-9444
Mayor	Phillip Crews 2480 Johnston Ave.	951-0422
Town Administrator	Ed Booth Town Hall	727-7764
Town Clerk/ Treasurer	Susan Kabana Town Hall	727-7764
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