



# 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 Mayor & Council Candidate Qualifying

**Begins August 20th and  
Ends September 3rd**

Malabar continues to grow and is changing rapidly. If you have a desire to guide Malabar into the future now is the time to act. The Mayor seat is open for election this year as well as District 1, District 2, and District 3. If you are eligible, you can become a candidate for Council Membership.

To be eligible to qualify you must be at least 18 years of age and able to prove that you have lived within the town limits for the past 12 months. Qualifying consists of obtaining 15 signatures of registered voters from your district and filling out the necessary paperwork. Confused about what district you live in? Check out the map in this newsletter to determine your district.

The Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month with additional workshops and special meetings during the year. Each term is for two years and has a limit of three terms. For more information and to pick up a candidate qualifying packet, please stop by the Town Clerk's office. Qualifying begins on August 20, 2004 and ends on September 3, 2004.

### Term Limits for Board Members?

The Town Council is currently considering term limits for all board members, this includes Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustment, and the Park Board. It is very possible that in November there will be openings on each board. Watch for details on our website, especially if you are interested in serving: [www.townofmalabar.org](http://www.townofmalabar.org).

## United We Paint

Community Educators Credit Union introduces The 2nd Annual UNITED WE PAINT, presented by Maronda Homes and Florida Liquid Ceramics. UNITED WE PAINT is Brevard County's most dramatic volunteer beautification effort. On Saturday, October 23, 2004 more than 800 volunteers will beautify 25 homes, schools, and community buildings.

UNITED WE PAINT is a coalition of community-conscious corporations that include Buena Vida Estates, Cobb Theaters, Dr. Chandra, Courtney Travel, and Indian River Furniture, dedicated to the improvement and beautification of homes owned by economically disadvantaged seniors, community buildings such as public schools, day care centers, and senior community centers throughout Brevard County.

The Painting & Decorating Contractors of America is UNITED WE PAINT's official paint partner. The PDCA provides expert advice throughout the UNITED WE PAINT experience. Brevard Uniform, Smith Barney, Lake Diabetes, 1560 AM, 95.9 FM, 107.1 FM and 102.7 FM also contribute financial and volunteer resources to make the event possible.

In partnership with non-profit organizations, government agencies, major media partners, and underwriting sponsors, UNITED WE PAINT volunteers unite to enable homes, schools, and community buildings to receive beautification facelifts that otherwise would remain eyesores in their community. UNITED WE PAINT touches the hearts of economically disadvantaged seniors, families and thousands of school children. The beautification efforts cannot be done without the support of our incredible volunteer teams and corporate partners. <http://www.unitedwepaintflorida.com/>  
Join Today !

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

An Update on Malabar Events

By Ed Booth - Town Administrator

The feasibility study for the proposed annexation of Valkaria is almost complete. It will include public works/ fire protection and statutory requirements. An independent consultant and the Town Planner are completing this study. The scope of the study goes far beyond what is required by law. A concise report to the Town Council will insure a better decision by the elected body.

To insure that involvement by the public is considered, town meetings are scheduled. They will be held at the Malabar Fire Department, 1840 Malabar Road, and the dates are Monday August 23rd at 7:30 pm, and Tuesday, August 31st at 7:30 pm.

There has been a lot of input both pro and con. The majority of the most vocal have been those with some type of vested interest. The Town Council is looking for input that will lead to a decision that is best for Malabar and Valkaria citizens and their future.

Next, is the topic of new development. Like the rest of Brevard County, Malabar is rapidly growing. Developers are working with the RR-65 zoning at 1 1/2 acres per single family residence. The Town Council is remaining firm to insure that Malabar will retain the rural residential flavor. There is an idea in the works that would bring water and sewer down US1 in partnership with Harris Corporation. This would open development on the highway. The Town Council will ensure, along with the Planning and Zoning Board, that no structure will be more than three stories high. This will guarantee that Malabar will not be dominated by tall buildings. A positive result of development will ensure that city fire hydrants will be closer to more homes. If you are within 1000 feet of a hydrant you may be qualified for a cheaper fire insurance rate. Be assured that, unlike our neighbor to the west, the Town of Malabar will not force its citizens to use municipal water.

These are interesting times. See you at the meetings,  
Ed

### **Town Meetings Scheduled Proposed Annexation Discussed**

The Council scheduled two dates to discuss the proposed annexation - all are invited! You can attend August 23rd at 7:30 pm, or if you are busy that night, you can attend August 31st at 7:30 pm. Both meetings will be held at the Malabar Fire Station.

## EAGLE CORPS CITIZEN PATROL

by Tom Eschenberg

Over the past few months, Malabar residents who are home during weekdays may have noticed that the Eagle Corps patrol vehicle did not drive down their street as frequently. Their observations are accurate. The Eagle Corps membership is still holding steady at 14. Even when all six teams are available for patrol, the Monday through Friday coverage between 8 AM and 4 PM is less than 50 percent.

As with any group of people, unforeseen events sometimes cause the volunteers to miss their patrol. One of our members recently had major surgery so this husband/wife team was unavailable for about three months. Another husband/wife team has daytime conflicts and will begin patrolling in the evening. Eleven of the fourteen members are retired. My team is made up of the three who work. Two of us work at Harris Corp. We are normally off work every other Friday. The other member is self-employed and has a variable schedule. Because of work demands, we do well if we can go on patrol once a month.

At our last quarterly meeting, morale seemed down a little and someone asked if we should continue the patrols. It was agreed that some patrols are better than none. Now don't take this wrong. I am not complaining. I am only trying to accurately report the current status of the Eagle Corps to the residents of Malabar. We feel that we have the full support of the Town Council and the town provides us with whatever we need without hesitation. We also feel that the residents of the town are receiving a very valuable service for a very low cost.

This service could be much better with a larger group of volunteers. Our group represents about one half of one percent of our total population. If we had about 12 or 14 more retired volunteers, patrols could be doubled. This would provide almost full coverage five days a week when most people have gone to work. We could expand evening patrols if a few working people would volunteer. Any organization continually needs "new blood" to assure it's survival. Application forms are available at Town Hall or call me any evening or weekend at 724-1007. Our next quarterly meeting will be the second Tuesday in October at 7 PM at the Town Hall. If you would like to meet the volunteers or are considering joining our group, you are invited to attend our meeting. Since Malabar does not have a police force, this is the next best thing we can do. Seriously consider volunteering a few hours a month for the good of your town.

### **Eagle Corp Safety Tips**

1. Trim shrubbery - just below bottom of windows all around your house, but especially in front of your house.
2. Use a timer for evening lights to go on/off - this is always a good investment.

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# Town Happenings . . .

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## Annual Trash Bash ~ Malabar Volunteers are No. 1

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Malabar once again took home a first place prize at the "Keep Brevard Beautiful" trash bash on April 17, 2004. We did an awesome job picking up the trash around town, 32,000lbs was collected. A "BIG" thank you to our Captain Carl Beatty. He did a terrific job of organizing and leading the troops on collection day. THANK YOU to all the volunteers! We could not have won without you. We donated the funds to the Boy Scout Troop #32, Pack 37, and the Girl Scout Troop #1476. Papa Johns Pizza delivered 25 pizzas and the Sunshine Mart supplied the soft drinks. Way to go!!

## Stroke Awareness

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It takes the average person 13 hours to recognize the seriousness of stroke symptoms and get to a hospital. During this time, the brain suffers irreparable and otherwise treatable damage. Why does it take so long for someone to seek out medical attention for such a serious illness? Some people wait to report strokes because they believe them to be untreatable, while others simply don't know how to recognize the symptoms. According to the National Stroke Association, the five most common and recognizable stroke symptoms include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or inability to understand others
- Sudden trouble seeing from one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause

Stroke symptoms should not be taken lightly. If you experience or see someone else experiencing one of these symptoms (even if it goes away quickly), call 911 immediately. Learning to recognize these symptoms may save your life or the life of someone you love. For more information, visit the Web site of the National Stroke Association.

## Back to School Reminder !!!

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### School starts August 10th.

Be on the lookout for kids walking, exiting the bus, and riding bikes.

## Hurricane Safety Tips

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Hurricane season has arrived once again. The best way to reduce the effects is to be prepared. By knowing your vulnerabilities and what actions to take you can reduce the effects of a disaster.

Your disaster prevention should include:

- Developing a Family Plan
- Where will you meet, phone numbers, evacuation plan, etc.
- Creating a Disaster Supply Kit
- First Aid kit, bottled water, canned food, medicines, etc.
- Having a place & Knowing where to go
- Local Shelters Westside Elementary & Barefoot Bay Community Center
- Securing your Home & outdoor items
- Bring in the outdoor furniture, toys, planters, etc
- Have a Pet Plan
- What will you do with your pet? Canned food & water, etc.

More detailed information can be found at the National Hurricane Centers web site. <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml> Also, stop by the Town Hall to pick up your copy of the Home Safety Emergency Plan. It is provided by the Salvation Army and has a wealth of important information to keep you and your family safe.

## Bits from the Building Department

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The ol' Gold Rush days seemed hectic but what about the present day Malabar Land Rush - seems "everyone" wants to live here.

The Malabar Building Department has been running close to those days of yore; it is hectic, growing, and busy, busy, busy. Inspections numbered close to 600 - and that's only for the first half of this year!

Property is selling, new construction is popping up, and land being cleared. Wow!  
Are the cows getting nervous? We hope not.

Now our population topples over 2700.

Here's a building tip: if your construction project includes a hammer and nails, check with the Building Department to see if a permit is required. Better safe than sorry because the penalty for working without a permit is a DOUBLE FEE.

## Resolution & Ordinances

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

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### Resolutions

08-03	Annual Stormwater Utility Assessment Roll	Adopted 09-08-03
09-03	Amend Deferral Amount for Comp Benefits	Adopted 09-22-03
10-03	Membership into FL Retirement System	Adopted 09-22-03
11-03	Adjust Fiscal Yr 2002-03 Water Utility Fund	Adopted 09-22-03
12-03	Amend Exhibit "A" & "B" of Ord 01-01 Right-Of-way improvement code	Adopted 10-6-03
13-03	Joint project with Marine Resources Council	Adopted 10-20-03
14-03	Condemn future purchases by EEL's	Adopted 11-03-03
15-03	TA to coordinate rebuild of mailboat dock	Adopted 11-3-03
16-03	Adjust FY 02-03 Water Utility Fund 400	Adopted 11-3-03
17-03	Employee Manual	Adopted 11-21-03
01-04	Amending 0117 Admin fees	Pending
02-04	FLC Support	Adopted 02-23-04
03-04	Spending Cap for Town Administrator	Changed to ORD.
04-04	Qualifying Period Aug 20 to Sept 3	Adopted 03-15-04
05-04	Apply for Grant Snook Trash Removal	Adopted 03-15-04
06-04	Apply for Grant Snook Pepper Removal	Adopted 03-15-04
07-04	Stop Light Corey Requesting from DOT	Adopted 04-05-04
08-04	Budget Adjustment	Adopted 04-05-04
08-04A	Support PAFB	Adopted 05-17-04

### Ordinances

03-08	Setting millage for FY03/04 at 1.7642	Adopted 09/22/03
03-09	Setting budget for FY 03/04 at \$1,703,391.00	Adopted 9/22/03
03-10	Nuisances-renumbered in 2004-02	See Ord 04-02
03-11	Mining	Adopted 12/1/03
03-12	Regulating Ponds	Adopted 12/1/03
03-13	Comp Plan change request	Denied 12/1/03
03-14	Re-zoning request	withdrawn
03-15	Creation of Town Administrator's position	Adopted 12/1/03
03-16	Enacting MSTU for Sheriff protection	Failed 11/17/03
03-17	Tree Protection	Adopted 1/5/04
04-01	Amendment to Table 1-3.3(A) re: min lot size for RM-H	withdrawn
04-03	Spending Cap for Town Administrator	Adopted 04/05/04
04-04	Amend SE 13-42 imp of pub row improvement	Adopted 04/05/04
04-05	Repeal lot split	Adopted 07/12/04
04-06	Comp plan change	On hold
04-07	Zoning Change	On hold
04-08	Remove septic from article III	Adopted 07/12/04
04-02	Amending Nuisance Ordinance	Adopted 07/12/04

## Eagle Corp Safety Tips (con't)

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3. Close garage door at all times (even when you are home).
4. Stop newspaper delivery. Don't let newspapers gather in driveway.
5. Request Post Office to "hold" your mail.
6. Stop by Town Hall and fill out a "Vacation Check" form for the Eagle Corps to conduct external checks of your property while you're away. There is no charge for this service.

Note: Your Eagle Corps now has their own office in Town Hall - formerly used by Brevard Sheriff's office. Soon we will move in - with "Eagle Corps" letters on the glass door. Come by and see us!



# Malabar Day Celebration

The Town of Malabar held its annual Malabar Day event on Saturday, April 24, 2004. This brought residents, businesses and visitors together to enjoy arts and crafts, live music by Kindred Spirits and Matt Adkins, and food and games. Food vendors included El Greco Grill, Malabar Mo's, Mexico Steak House II, and Bali-Hi Tropical Smoothies. Demonstrations consisted of a canine exhibition presented by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, Chung's Tae Kwon Do, and cheese making by Bobbi Moccia, Council Chairperson.

Malabar Day has grown each year and is a wonderful community event. The proceeds help fund improvements at Malabar Community Park. All supporters are promoted in the Town's website, [www.townofmalabar.org](http://www.townofmalabar.org). Contests included a fishing contest, a car show, and a



new event - the frozen t-shirt contest, which was caused much laughter all around. Patrons also enjoyed Tanny's Magical Petting Farm & Pony Rides, "Squiggles" the Clown, the dunking booth, the moon walk, and games from the Berri Patch Preschool. Our community watchers, the "Eagle Corps.", made their presence known with



The kids had fun trying to unwrap frozen t-shirts

giveaways, information on their program and sign-up sheets. Local businesses reserved spaces to advertise, promote, and sell their products and/or services.

Special thanks go to our sponsors - Mike and Rachel Patel, owners of Sunshine Food Mart @ U.S. 1 and Malabar Road, Pence Companies, Berri Patch Preschool, Pepsi, Billy at Ace Hardware, and Habitat for Humanity's free golf games, among others. We are also grateful to all donators who made it possible for our raffle. The Boy Scouts were instrumental in their assistance throughout the day by helping set up, clean up and supervising the dunking booth. Also, special thanks to the Town of Malabar Public Works Department; everyone worked hard and put in long hours setting up for the event.

The Town appreciates the efforts of everyone involved

## My flag is old and ready to be retired. What should I do?

Section 8k of the Flag Code states, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning." We recommend that you contact your local VFW Chapter and ask them for help properly disposing of your flag. And be sure to consider providing a small donation to them for their assistance. Or you can contact your local Elks Lodge (who created the idea of Flag Day, established officially by President Truman, himself a member of the Elks) or the American Legion.

Some Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops also provide this service.

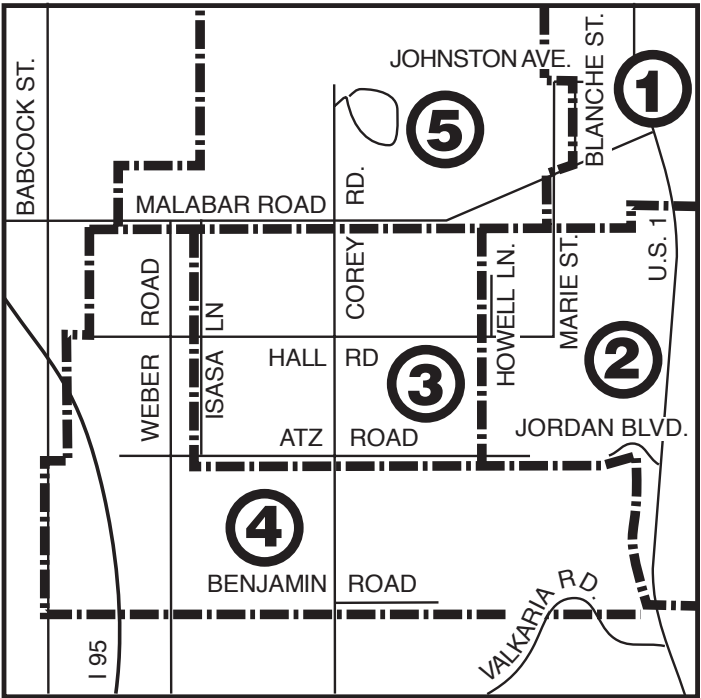


To find more information on the Flag of the United States you can visit <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flageti.html#1>. This site has a variety of information on Flag Rules and Regulations. How to display the Flag, Flag s es, and other questions. It is very interesting and educational.

Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Jane Havet 1125 Marie St.	733-6413
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
Town Fax		722-2234
County Comm.	Nancy Higgs, Dist. 3	952-6300



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