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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.

CANDIDATE QUALIFYING DATES TWO COUNCIL SEATS OPEN

By Cindi Kelley

It's that time of year again. We have two seats coming open for Town Council, District 4 and District 5. Candidate qualifying begins August 26, 2005, at 8:30 a.m. and closes at 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2005. If you are interested in either of these positions and you have lived within these districts for at least a year, please stop by Town Hall to pick up the required qualifying packet. District 4 is on the west and south sides of town. District 5 is Country Cove, Brook Hollow and east to Marie Street. The term for office is two years. Council meets a minimum of once a month, but the regularly scheduled meeting dates are the first and third Mondays of each month. Although you must qualify within your respective district, once you are placed on the ballot all registered Malabar voters have the option to vote for you. Once elected, you would represent all Town residents in your decision-making position. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this, please call Town Hall. We will be happy to assist you.

CHANGES FOR THE MALABAR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

By Bob Rowan

Wow, things sure have changed at the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Chuck McClelland has retired after 23 years as Chief of the Department. Thankfully, he is sticking around as a firefighter to continue to serve our town.

Our new Chief is Joe Gianantonio. Joe did serve some time, a few years ago, in Malabar, while serving the US Air Force. He was Chief of Patrick Air Force Base Fire Department and served many years overseas directing major oil fires in Kuwait and other areas. Joe brings a wealth of experience to the Malabar Volunteer Fire Department and is well known throughout the Brevard area for his dedication and devotion to building top-notch, certified firefighters. Please join us in wishing him all the best.

Earlier this year we sent out a fund raising letter knowing things were tough with storm damage to our own houses, our neighbors houses and our own Fire Station and all the equipment inside after the roof blew off. We have just moved back into the station and are on the way to recovery. Stop in and say hello – bring the kids (call ahead and we'll arrange a tour). Call 725-1030 to make the arrangements. We have also begun working duty schedules to provide manpower at the station, ready to respond, when the 911 call comes in. With this duty change, we are now able to take

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Letter from the Town Administrator

By Ed Booth, Town Administrator

THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN BREVARD COUNTY

Driving along Highway #1 in South Brevard County, one suddenly enters a beautiful community of lakes, trees and peacefulness that is a strong reminder of days gone by. Malabar will leave an impression on the soul.

Walking today in the eleven square mile, 2700 populated town, one can't help but be touched with traces of lives lived and events gone by that create a presence where the past comes alive.

The Town of Malabar has dedicated 25% of the land to preservation efforts. Steadfastly, the Town Council has held onto the 1-½ acre zoning for residential construction. This, so their children and our children alike can appreciate nature and the surrounding wilderness offered by no other town in Central Florida. Malabar is being considered for the Florida Rural Community of the Year Award. Yes, Malabar is rural, surrounded by a half a million people and sprawling subdivisions.

Malabar has put the effort into building parks and trails that are unequalled to any in Central Florida. No where else in Central Florida can you find a friendlier place to raise children alongside horses, llamas, pachyderms and zebras.

There will always be efforts to change this haven to one of urban sprawl. It is only by the efforts of the Town Council that Malabar remains part of the old Florida tradition.

THE PAVING OF TOWN STREETS

If the residents of a street or lane are in agreement that their street needs to be paved and are willing to pay half the cost, the Town Council will look more favorably on these projects. As a ballpark figure, it will cost about \$2,000.00 for a 200 foot frontage. The Town would pay \$1,000.00 and the resident(s) would pay \$1,000.00. If houses are on both sides of the street, than the cost would be about \$500.00 per residence. The paving would be of a porous type that the Town has been using. If you are an interested resident, please contact the Town Administrator, Ed Booth, at 727-7764 for more information.

MEET CHIEF JOE GIANANTONIO...

Born on April 4, 1945 at Portland, Oregon Army Air Base, he is the son of Joseph and Josephine Bellis-Gianantonio. After his father's honorable discharge from the Army, the family moved to Columbus, Ohio, where Joseph attended school. He started his volunteer fire fighter career while still in high school with the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Department in 1960.

After his graduation from Central High School, he went to the Ohio State Fire Academy and became a certified fire fighter. Joe joined the United States Air Force in 1964 and attended the Chanute AFB, Ill, and Fire School. He graduated as a fire protection specialist. Joe has had many assignments over the years, including Korea, Viet Nam, Thailand and Europe. Through all of these experiences, Joe continued to maintain his skills and knowledge, taking management, supervisory and fire officer courses over the years in the fire protection career field and has always volunteered his off-duty time to training fellow fire fighters and being a member of the local volunteer fire force.

Joe has held many positions with various ranking scales in both volunteer and career fire departments over the years. He has filled in every position in and is knowledgeable in every facet of fire suppression, inspections, communications, training and investigation. He continues to attend fire courses and schools to attain advanced skills, knowledge and to stay abreast of future developments and techniques. With his experience of over forty years in the fire service industry, he has worked as a volunteer, a paid city, federal, state and contract fire fighter. Over the years, he has responded to numerous small and large scale emergency responses and has served in the capacity ranging from fire fighter to incident commander and other positions in between.

Joe has been decorated for heroism, valor, special achievements, commendations and community services. He now serves the Town of Malabar as the Fire Chief. Joe is married to the former Mildred Villano of Union City, New Jersey. They have three lovely children; Jean, Joseph and Anthony. They also have two grandchildren and one more on the way in November.

Town Happenings . . .

TRASH SERVICE AND SPECIAL TRASH PICK-UP

The Town of Malabar has granted a franchise to Harris Waste Management to provide curbside residential trash collection. It mandates that all residential customers subscribe to their company for service. In exchange, WM commits to pick up all residential trash, properly put out, regardless of there being a sticker on the mailbox. The tax you pay on the annual tax bill covers your share of the expense for the County owned land fill.

If you are replacing any appliances in your home, you will need to call Waste Management to schedule a special pick up of your old appliances. The telephone number is 723-4455. Once you have scheduled your pick-up, place the appliance(s) to be taken away in the right of way at the end of your driveway. This pick-up may take anywhere from seven to ten business days. Please place the appliance opposite the side of the driveway the mailbox is on so the letter carrier is not impeded. They will be grateful for your consideration.

GARBAGE...

Not an attractive subject but one that I feel compelled to discuss. Since the hurricanes of last season, there appears to be a large amount of household and yard debris that has been accumulating every week. For Waste Management to pick up the debris, household debris needs to be placed in a container. Yard debris needs to be cut up into four (4) foot sections and piled in a way that collection is easy. In both cases, the debris needs to be in front of a house. Waste Management will not pick up debris in front of vacant lots. For the next few months, the Town will pick up all debris not picked up by Waste Management every other Thursday. If you see anyone dumping in the Town, please call Code Enforcement so we can take action. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

AS OF MAY 21, 2005, OUT-OF-STATE ROOFING CONTRACTORS CAN NO LONGER CONTRACT TO PERFORM ROOFING REPAIRS.

ROADS, DITCHES AND MOWING RIGHTS-OF-WAYS

This is a subject that takes up a lot of discussion time at the Town Council meetings, at home or on the street. The reason is they are in bad shape. Recognizing the condition of the roads system, Town Council has directed the Town Administrator to initiate a program to revitalize our road system and fix the drainage. To accomplish this goal, the Town Administrator and the Engineer have put into place the following:

Identify needed equipment – A new dump truck was purchased to bring in materials to reconstruct the roads. A new ditch mower was budgeted for in the 2005/2006 budget. The old mower is over twelve years old and works about 25% of the time due to maintenance problems.

Identify roads to be reconstructed over the next two months. The projects will have the ditches cleaned and signs replaced, if needed. Road base material will be used and the roads rolled.

The following roads are to be done in the next two months:

1. Glatter Road – widened, ditches cleaned and entrance redone
2. Lett Lane – road base and ditches cleaned
3. Waring Lane – North & South of Atz – road base and ditches built
4. Wilson Lane – South of Hall – road base and ditches cleaned
5. Sand Creek Lane – South of Malabar Road – road base and ditches cleaned
6. Howell Lane – North & South of Hall – road base and ditches cleaned
7. Eva Lane – South of Malabar Road – road base & ditches cleaned
8. Kramer Lane – road base and ditches cleaned
9. Hunter Lane – road base and ditches cleaned
10. Allen Street / Weir Street – road base and ditches cleaned

If you do not see your street on this list, do not despair. It will be on the next list. The Town will reconstruct all roads and clean all ditches.

EAGLE CORPS CITIZEN PATROL

By Nancy & Carl Conklin- Eagle Corps Citizen Patrol Coordinators

Hi Folks!

As we drive around the Town of Malabar we notice a lot of things; neat yards, trash-filled lots, abandoned cars, ATVs out and about, tree limbs in need of trimming because they hang over the road or obstruct the view, new construction, homes For Sale/Sold, new STOP signs, faded street signs, sometimes no signs at all! Many roads in poor condition, some even worse after all the rain. The point is, when our shift ends, we have an overview of what's happening in our Town. You know what's going on where you reside and/or raise your children.

DOES THAT SPARK INTEREST IN WANTING TO KNOW MORE?

AND, you see the llamas fenced in, turtles struggling to cross the road, (hopefully they'll make it), Sand Cranes visiting another well-manicured lawn close to where you saw them last week. Lavender and white water lilies are still in bloom in many ponds here in Malabar and those peacocks strutting across the road – haven't seen them in awhile. They are a beautiful sight.

DOES THIS SPARK INTEREST IN WANTING TO SEE MORE?

AND, there's the nice couple who leave for a few months every year, the family who is on vacation for a week or two and the one who had to leave temporarily to spend time elsewhere – these folks ask us to keep an eye (eagle) on their abode while they're away. They can rest easier during their absence.

DOES THIS SPARK INTEREST IN WANTING TO DO MORE?

NOW, I know you are busy, and so are we, but it's a nice change to get out and look around and have a change of pace. Patrols are done at convenient times for the members. If you have a few hours that need to be the "something different" in your weekly routine, stop in at Town Hall for an application.

IN SUMMARY, let me give a few highlights of the report that would be done on this trip around Malabar for just three hours:

- Report condition of STOP sign, street signs and streets in disarray (work orders issued to Public Works).
- Walk-arounds at all our vacation homes appear quiet. Note time and date of visit on vacation form.
- Tree clippings need to be picked up along major roads. That runaway bull spotted last week appears to be penned in, securely, this week. New park equipment was being used by many.
- Property address/description of abandoned car(s) reported to Code Enforcement.
- A lot of new construction underway, "Sold" house has new owner moving in.
- Our 5 districts appear quiet.

This ends our Eagle Corps message for this time. **Won't you consider joining our Corps? The Town of Malabar NEEDS YOU! More eyes and ears watching over us would be a good thing.**

Stay safe and keep trimming those bushes.

NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR TOWN HALL

We have a new telephone system at Town Hall. Please take a few moments to cut out the listing of extensions and keep them by your phone. This listing is printed small enough to be taped to a 3x5 index card. This new system has voice mail capability. Please, if no one is available, leave your name, telephone number and a detailed message for the person(s) that you are trying to reach and we will return your telephone calls. This system was implemented to improve our service to you – not avoid speaking to you.

Telephone Extensions for the New Phone System:
(321) 727-7764 – Dial "0" at anytime for the Operator Extension:

- 10 – Cindi Kelley – (AP/UB Clerk & Operator)
- 11 – Sharon White – (AR/CE & Town Admin. Asst.)
- 12 – Susan Kabana – (Town Clerk)
(Debby Franklin until further notice)
- 13 – Ed Booth – (Town Administrator)
- 14 – Rose Futch & Norm Smith
(Permit Technician & Building Official)
- 16 – Property/Land Use Questions/Information (Recording)
- 18 – Park Reservations (Recording)
- 19 – Nancy Conklin (Eagle Corp)
- 20 – Roads/Drainage/Public Works (Arlene Siegel or recording)

We hope to be able to serve our Town and community well with this new phone system.

new members from outside of our current membership boundaries who are willing to serve time (day or night) at the station. We ask for 40 hours per month from each member. We do need members, especially from the Town of Malabar, to give us even better close-in response.

We thank the residents that generously participated in our request for funding support. We had notes from fixed income neighbors that felt guilty only donating small amounts and others that were able to give generously. Please don't worry about what you can give, just support us with what is comfortable with you and your family. We thank all, big and small. Feel free to put comments in the envelope. We do read them at our monthly membership meetings. Understanding the pulse of the town is very important to our members who give their time without pay or reward. Our reward is knowing we shared in saving a neighbor's life or rescued a pet or helped someone who had taken a fall and could not get up. We are there to serve the fire and rescue needs of the Town of Malabar. Please mail your donations to Malabar Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 500302, Malabar, FL 32950.

Once everything at the station is replaced and new member training is caught up, we plan, towards the end of the year, to begin a junior firefighter program and plan to use our juniors to support rehabilitation services at large, all-day, brush fire evolutions. Keep an eye on future Mailboats for more details.

One of the items we would like to incorporate into our rescue database is a residential pre-plan. You will find a single-page form in this paper that we request you return to the Fire Department so as we are responding to your home, our dispatcher will have this information ready to transmit to the Officer-In-Charge of the first arriving engine. This will better prepare us with what we are about to face. Your information will be kept solely for Fire Department use with limited access even within our own department. Feel free to fill out as much as you want to share with us. Just imagine the time we could save during a fire rescue if we knew: where the child's bedroom window was located, or that oxygen is in use in a particular room, or ammunition might be stored in a particular area of the house, or how many pets we need to account for during rescues. Additionally, if someone spots smoke or

hears a fire alarm, we can minimize the damage required to gain entry into your house if we know a neighbor has a key, how to contact you on a cell phone, or help you set up a lock-box system for emergency access.

We also will offer to come to your house to help you fill out the form. Check your smoke detector and make suggestions as to how to make your home more fire-safe. We can show you and your kids how to put together Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH) or comment on how you might safely store your chemicals and propane BBQ tanks (never in a garage). We did receive quite a few forms at the Malabar Springfest and some residents did already ask us to come and survey their property. Hang in there, now that the station is just about ready, one of our top priorities is to visit your house and help you with your pre-plans.

The Malabar Volunteer Fire Department stands ready to serve our community. Training programs are proceeding full steam ahead. The average response time has dropped from about seven minutes per call to just over five minutes per call (five minutes is about average for a full-time, paid department). Hats are off to the volunteers at Malabar (many volunteers are from surrounding communities) for donating their time, away from their families, to staff the station. Help us help you and please consider a small donation that will be pooled together to make us bigger and better to serve your needs.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL TO PAY YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL IS HERE!!!

For those who are interested, we now have the capability to set up automatic withdrawals from your checking account to pay the water/sewer bills. If you have not inquired about this and are interested, please call me, Cindi Kelley, at Town Hall. I will be happy to assist you with getting your account set up for this service. For those of you who are interested, a small fee will be added to your monthly service charge.

LET US HELP YOU HELP OTHERS

By Pat Lewis

The MALABAR FIRE DEPARTMENT, with the cooperation of Brevard County and Palm Bay EOC has made arrangements for a CERT class to be started for residents of Malabar, Valkaria and Grant.

What is CERT? = Community Emergency Response Teams

This is a part of national network of CERT communities. Palm Bay, Suntree and Viera have CERT and it is now being offered to Malabar. CERT is all over the country helping people to help themselves and others. The EOP, Office of Emergency Preparedness, developed this program that is designated to help neighborhoods prepare and respond AFTER a catastrophic event. We all remember the hurricanes of 2004 and hopefully will be spared this year, but hurricanes are just part of disasters. There are tornados and other emergency events that could be major emergencies where your expertise would be useful.

Once trained as a CERT member, you will be able to provide the following services to your family, friends and neighbors:

- Increase the neighborhood disaster readiness
- Perform triage and provide some medical service to injured with first aid
- Perform light search and rescue operations with the team
- Extinguish small fires and teach fire safety
- Assess damage after a disaster/emergency and who to report the information to
- Organize the procurement of supplies

While the Fire Department & Rescue is available, it cannot be everywhere at the same time. The basic course includes all these components necessary to get teams started and perform basic CERT functions for their areas. Each member must complete the 24 hour course. Upon graduation and completion of the course, you are given a back pack with emergency first aid supplies, helmet, vest and an ID badge. People who have completed the course and are CERT certified will be allowed back into their neighborhoods to check on their own homes before the general public, if an evacuation takes place.

Teams learn emergency preparedness, first aid medical operations, disaster simulation, fire suppression and light search and rescue during the class. CERT is for anyone who is interested in helping his or her community in the preparation and to give assistance afterward. While team training is preferred, persons over 16 interested in training may join without team affiliation. This is available for neighborhoods, businesses or faith based youth organizations over 18 years of age. Other courses may be added such as CPR after the completion of the CERT course. CPR is not necessary for CERT training.

All those interested, please contact the Malabar Fire Department at 725-1030 or Pat Lewis at 725-4174. Applications may be picked up at Town Hall and forwarded to: Malabar Fire Department, P. O. Box 500572, Malabar, FL 32950-0572. A time and date will then be provided for those interested.

A FEW REMINDERS TO ALL WHO LIVE IN & PASS THROUGH MALABAR

By Cindi Kelley

Please be advised that ANY destruction/smashing of mailboxes and tampering with another person's mail are a FEDERAL OFFENSES. Penalties for these offenses were provided to the Town by the Malabar Post Office. If you see anything like this happening in our community, call 911 and report it. If you call as it happens, the Sheriff's Department will come out and investigate. If possible, give a description of the person(s) (and vehicle) to the Sheriff's Department. **VERY IMPORTANT IS THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBER OF THE VEHICLE.** Everyone in our community needs to be mindful of other people's property. Accidents are one thing, but purposely destroying property leads to serious consequences. Let us all be aware of our surroundings and what is happening in our neighborhood.

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News from the Building Department

IS A BUILDING PERMIT NEEDED?

Got any plans in your future to alter, repair or renovate an existing structure? Are you looking to build a new single family home, commercial building, install a mobile home or manufactured home? Or maybe you just want to clear or alter your property, possibly subdivide some land. Maybe you are planning to develop a subdivision or a large development.

The Florida Building Code, which is utilized by Malabar, and throughout Florida, requires a permit to be obtained for following projects: construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or change the occupancy of any building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge alter, repair, remove, convert or replace most electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing systems which are regulated by the technical codes. For ordinary minor repairs, with the approval of the building official, may be made provided that such repairs are performed within compliance of the provisions of the technical codes.

If you are planning a project in Malabar, trying to determine if a building permit is required. Please call the Building Department at 727-7764, ext. 14 to ask if you have any questions or doubts about needing building permits.

Here are some frequently asked questions that are posed to the Building Department.

HOW DO I REPORT AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR?

Malabar does not have an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County to investigate unlicensed contractors within our borders. If you suspect there is work being done without a permit or by unlicensed contractors, please call the Malabar Building Department at 727-7764 x 14 and we will look into it.

SHOULD A STATE CONTRACTOR BE LICENSED IN THE COUNTY?

Yes! The contractor will need an Occupational License if they have a business location in Brevard County. They will also need an Occupational License for the specific city that their business is located in. For example, they will need an Occupational License from the Town of Malabar if

their business address is within the town limits of Malabar and an a license from Brevard County is required because they are working in Brevard County. For information regarding Occupational Licensing, please call (321) 727-7764 x 14. A state licensed contractor is required to pull building permits.

DOES A CONTRACTOR HAVE WORKER'S COMPENSATION EXEMPTION AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

Licensing Regulation & Enforcement will check to see if a contractor has Worker's Compensation Exemption. It means that a contractor has no coverage on his/her employees unless they have an additional policy. For information regarding Worker's Compensation, please call (407) 245-0896.

HOW DO I SUBMIT A COMPLAINT ON A CONTRACTOR?

If you have a complaint, please call (321) 727-7764 x 14 to speak with someone regarding the issue you have. A written statement is recommended to assist with the investigation.

The Town of Malabar is hiring experienced medium and heavy duty equipment operators. Please stop by Town Hall and complete an application if interested.

REMINDERS

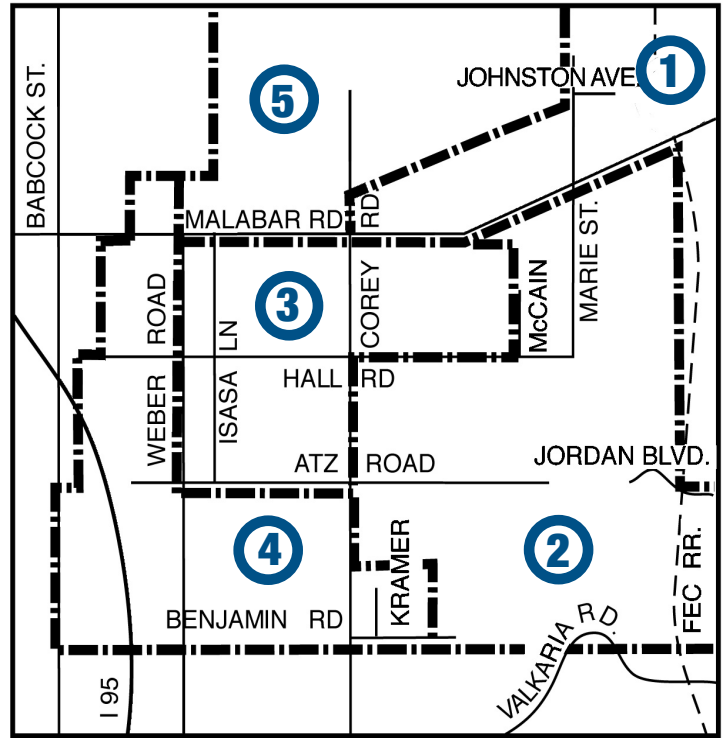
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The Town of Malabar is NOT A DUMPING GROUND FOR GARBAGE. This has become a problem. If out and about and you see someone dumping garbage, please take down the person's license plate number and call the Sheriff's Department. LITTERING IS AGAINST THE LAW and the person(s) committing the crime will have consequences for their actions. We try to keep our community clean and safe for all who live here and for those passing through. With everyone's help, we WILL keep this under control. NOTE: REGULAR CONSTRUCTION SITES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTORS. Thank you for your help. We here at Town Hall appreciate your cooperation.

Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Frank Hickson 2490 Nord St.	722-3882
District 2	Brian Vail 2700 Smith Lane	952-9110
District 3	Steve Rivet 2005 Rivet Lane	956-6551
District 4	Bobbi Moccia 3135 Kramer Lane	722-3447
District 5	Pat Dezman 1670 Country Cove	724-5817
Mayor	Tom Eschenberg 2835 Beran Lane	724-1007
Town Administrator	Ed Booth Town Hall	727-7764 x13
Town Clerk/ Treasurer, Pro Tem	Debby Franklin Town Hall	727-7764 x12
Town Fax		722-2234
County Comm.	Helen Voltz, Dist. 3	952-6300



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