



# 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.

## SPECIAL EDITION SAMPLE BALLOT INSIDE

### REFERENDUM FOR NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> BALLOT

The Town Council passed a resolution that will place a referendum on the ballot this November. If it passes, the referendum would add .5 mil to your property tax for a period of three years. The revenue generated can be spent only on park improvements at Malabar Community Park.

Last fall Brevard County created the South Brevard Recreational District, and the voters approved a .6 mil tax increase for 20 years. That translates as an additional \$45 a year for residents with a \$100,000 home, with a homestead exemption, for the next 20 years. Over that period the taxpayers of Malabar would have contributed \$810,000 towards the South Brevard Recreational District, and none of the scheduled projects were located within Malabar. For this investment the County offered each municipality \$75,000 for recreational projects chosen by each city or town.

In Malabar the referendum failed by 38 votes. But due to the fact that the referendum passed overall in the South Brevard area, the Council was faced with opting-in or opting-out of the program. Because the referendum failed in Malabar, the Council chose to opt-out, meaning that the taxpayers of Malabar would not be burdened over the next 20 years with the Brevard County Recreation Tax.

Council felt that because the vote was so close, there may be enough interest that a similar, smaller-scale referendum should be put to the voters. Subsequently the Council passed a resolution that will put this issue to a vote of the people.

A sample ballot on page 3 of this special edition of the Mailboat contains the wording regarding this topic.

# Town Happenings . . .

## **CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT 4 AND DISTRICT 5**

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During candidate qualifying Bobbi Moccia from Kramer Lane qualified for the District 4 seat vacated by Tom Eschenberg. Because Bobbi is the only one who qualified, she automatically moves into the District 4 seat, and her name will not appear on the ballot.

Both Bob Rossman from County Cove and Nona Swann from Brook Hollow qualified for the District 5 seat previously held by Henry Dekker. Bob and Nona will appear on the November 6<sup>th</sup> ballot. And don't forget that since Malabar votes 'at large', all registered voters in Malabar will vote on this seat.

## **THANKS TO OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Both Tom Eschenberg (District 4) and Henry Dekker (District 5) have faithfully served on Council for the past six years. Both are to be commended for their dedication and commitment. Their ideas and strong guidance have impacted many important decisions regarding our town. Both Tom and Henry and their influences will be greatly missed, and we wish them all the best. We have it on good authority that they will continue to serve in other capacities.

## **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS IN MALABAR**

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Congratulations to Eagle Scout John R. Henkelman who was honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor last March for completing his Eagle Scout project. John completed improvements at Malabar Community Park including installation of the flagpole, and the trash cans, and the picnic tables. In the past other scouts have used the park for Eagle projects such as installation of the handicap portion of the exercise trail, mulching and framing each exercise station, and laying sod around the pavilions and by the restrooms.

We have two Eagle projects in the preparation and approval cycle. One will provide a view of the Indian River Lagoon by removing pepper trees at the end of Malabar Road at US 1. The other will enlarge the play area at Huggins Park by clearing out some of the overgrowth.

## **TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

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Each year the Park and Recreation Board sponsors the annual Malabar Christmas tree lighting. Volunteers decorate the tree in front of the fire station and public works adds hay bales for sitting. The choir from the Malabar First Baptist Church will lead us in seasonal and patriotic singing, and the Town will provide song sheets for those who are musically challenged! We'll have cookies and warm cider, and Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck with candy for the children. Mayor Crews will throw the switch to light the tree. The Christmas tree will be lit each evening throughout the holiday season. This has really turned into a fun community event over the years. Look for the signs around town the week before announcing the event.

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR SISTER CITY**

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Received by fax on September 14, 2001


To the kind attention of the Mayor of Malabar, The entire community of our town Orhangazi (Turkey), which is accepted as the "Sister City" of the Town of Malabar, would like to express their sincere sympathy to the American citizens. We have no doubt that the American people will display the strength and the patience to overcome the sad effects of this inhuman attack. Please don't think that the entire Muslim community would support this inhuman attack. We strongly condemn this and offer our condolences to the people of Malabar and the U.S.A.

Sincerely Yours,  
M. Turgut Ünlü, Mayor of Orhangazi, Turkey

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## SPECIAL AND GENERAL ELECTION BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA NOVEMBER 6, 2001

PRECINCT: 7

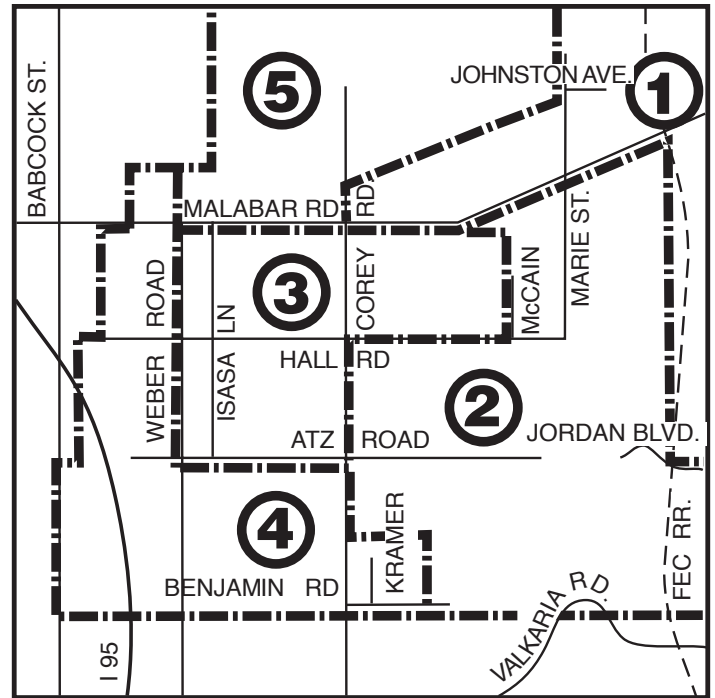
TO VOTE, BLACKEN THE OVAL (LIKE THIS ) TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR CHOICE. IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE ON YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE IT, BUT INSTEAD ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT. USE ONLY A BLUE OR BLACK PEN OR PENCIL.

COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENTS	COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENTS	TOWN OF MALABAR
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CITIZENS' BILL OF RIGHTS</b></p> <p>Shall the Brevard County Charter be amended to include a "citizens' bill of rights" establishing rights of the public pertaining to convenient access to county offices, truth in government, public records, the right to be heard, minimum due process, notices of decisions and reasons, reports by the county manager and county attorney, and the right to financial information about the county?</p> <p>YES FOR APPROVAL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO FOR REJECTION <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS</b></p> <p>Shall the Brevard County Charter be amended to provide that private property shall not be subject to regulations which impose an inordinate burden upon the rights of the owner, except upon payment of full compensation for the diminished value of the property, regardless of the date of the regulations adoption?</p> <p>YES FOR APPROVAL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO FOR REJECTION <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INCREASE IN MILLAGE FOR FUNDING THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS WITHIN MALABAR COMMUNITY PARK</b></p> <p>Shall the Town of Malabar assess an additional ad valorem tax of .5 mill (\$.50 per one thousand dollars of taxable assessed real property value), commencing in fiscal year 2002 and continuing for a period of three years, in order to provide for the park and recreational needs of the community. This money would be spent on capital improvements for Malabar Community Park, for projects such as, but not limited to, the construction of an irrigation system for the ball fields, to purchase maintenance equipment to maintain both the playing fields and the open park land, install dugouts and bleachers, purchase playground equipment, and provide for the lighting of the ball fields and courts.</p> <p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIMIT COUNTY-OWNED TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY</b></p> <p>Shall the Brevard County Charter be amended to provide that government-owned, tax-exempt real property shall not exceed forty-five (45) percent of the land area of Brevard County, excluding roads and utilities?</p> <p>YES FOR APPROVAL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO FOR REJECTION <input type="radio"/></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN OF MALABAR</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Member, District 5</b> Vote for One</p> <p>BOB ROSSMAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NONA SWANN <input type="radio"/></p>	

## Know Your Representatives on Council

The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Nancy Tinio-Borton 141 Riverview Drive	953-3912
District 2	Charlene Horton 2175 LaCourt Lane	727-2194
District 3	Steve Rivet 2005 Rivet Lane	956-6551
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/	Susan Kabana	727-7764
Treasurer	Town Hall	



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