



# 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 Trails and Greenways

By Richard E. Cameron Sr.

Trails and Greenways Volunteer Coordinator

The trailhead at 1400 Marie Street has been a fast two-years in the making. Since our last report we have made significant progress. Our volunteers have finished 2/3 of the fence across the front of the trailhead. We now have all the old building down and soon it will be removed from the premises. Scout Troop # 732 built a fire ring with four benches surrounding it. The fire ring was placed next to our new deep well that is now fully functional. We've added about 100 loads of fill dirt over the past year.

We expect to have the pavilion, picnic tables, and horse stalls finished by May 2003.

We need volunteers to help with these projects, but more important, we need someone to volunteer to mow and weed-whack on a regular basis. If we had two volunteers to alternate bimonthly that would be ideal.

Our volunteer work has included two entrances to the 100-acre preserve, one at Briar Creek Boulevard, and one at North Corey Road. These entrances are very sturdy and block motorized vehicles from entering the preserve. The entrances, as well as the preserve, are owned by the Town. The preserve is located west of the Scrub Sanctuary behind the Malabar Fire Dept. The trails are very

easy to follow and we encourage everyone to use this pristine area.

We are always looking for new volunteers and if you are willing to help with the next project we ask that you call Town Hall or call Richard Cameron at 725-9932.

## Malabar Goes to the Polls

Malabar's ballot item is on side two of the November ballot. Be sure to vote on both sides of your ballot.

November 5th is the date of the general election and there are many issues for Malabar citizens to vote on. There are so many issues that the Town's ballot item will be on the second side of the ballot. There is one seat to vote on in the Town. In District 1, two people qualified, Nancy Tinio-Borton, the incumbent, and Jane Havet. Even though they are running for the District 1 position, in Malabar we vote 'at large', meaning that all registered voters in Malabar will have the opportunity to vote on this seat.

You can see a complete ballot at [www.brevardelections.org](http://www.brevardelections.org) (Malabar is precinct 7), and if you don't have access to the web, a copy of the ballot is posted at Town Hall.

TOWN OF MALABAR	
COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/>	Jane Anne HAVET
<input type="radio"/>	Nancy TINIO-BORTON

# Town Happenings . . .

## Town Administrator Selection Continues

By the August 16th cut-off for acceptance of applications for the position of Town Administrator we had a total of 73 applications. At the September 6th workshop the Council narrowed the list 21 applications. The Town Clerk was instructed to call these 21 and after a few questions she asked if they were still interested in the position. That narrowed the list to 12. On October 9th Council called for a workshop to include themselves and up to two citizens each from their districts in order to narrow the list to the final few. As the writing of this newsletter is prior to October 9th the next newsletter will introduce you to the new Town Administrator.

## Candidate Qualifying Results

Candidate qualifying ended on September 6th and the results are as follows: For the District 1 seat two people qualified, Nancy Tinio-Borton, the incumbent, and Jane Havet. For the District 2 seat one person qualified, Brian Hunter. And the District 3 seat was qualified also with one person, Steve Rivet, the incumbent. Since the District 2 and 3 seats had only one person qualify they will not show up on the ballot and will be sworn in with the prevailing candidate of the District 1 seat on November 7th.

## Recycling - Give a Little, Get a Lot

Waste Management sells the recyclable items picked up in Malabar and 100% of those proceeds are paid to the Town.

Recycling just 1 aluminum can saves enough electricity to run a PC for 3 hours.

Automobile oil never wears out, it is cleaned, refined, and reused.

For every ton of paper that is recycled 17 trees are saved.

## Board Members Needed

Due to normal attrition, we are in need of new Board Members for two of our boards. The Board of Adjustment renders decisions on variance requests and other issues. It meets only when necessary, usually only a few times a year, and it is in need of two alternates. The Park and Recreation Board discuss various recreation issues within the Town, the most recent being the public hearing on the proposed rebuilding of the Malabar mail boat dock. The Park and Recreation Board is in need of one member and three alternates. Call or stop by Town Hall if you are interested in serving on either of these boards.

MALABAR DAY WILL BE HELD NEXT SPRING AND WE ARE ALREADY 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!

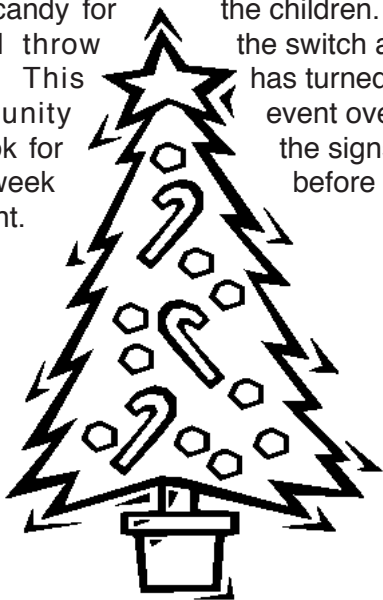


## Road Paving Contemplation

How interested are you in having your road paved? Or maybe at least the road that leads to your road? Or would you rather keep your dirt road? Your Council is actively discussing the paving of roads and how best to fund such a venture. Bond issuance has been discussed as well as other methods of funding and Council is very interested in learning how you feel about the way your tax dollars would be best used for this endeavor. Please contact either Town Hall or your Council member and tell us how you feel.

## Christmas Tree Lighting

Once again the Park and Recreation Board invites you to the Malabar Christmas Tree Lighting. This year the event will be on November 30th at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers decorate the tree in front of the fire station and public works supplies hay bales for sitting. The choir from the Malabar First Baptist Church will lead us in seasonal 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 and light the tree. This has turned into a fun community event over the years. Look for the signs around town the week before announcing the event.



Tara Ratanun, 16 year old daughter of Thanya and Chom Ratanun recently won the title of Miss Junior America City Queen. Tara represented Malabar in the competition. Congratulations Tara!

## Eagle Corps Update

The volunteers who signed up for the Malabar Eagle Corps recently attended an extensive training program. The program was 20 hours long and was spread over 7 Saturday mornings. Tom Eschenberg is the Town's volunteer coordinator and he recruited 10 volunteers for the job. Their last class was on October 12th, so by the time you receive this newsletter you may have seen the Malabar Eagle Corps car around town. These volunteers will provide additional eyes and ears to report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Department and will greatly increase the visual coverage in our Town. All volunteers will have background checks and will receive identification cards, a vest, and a hat with the Malabar Eagle Corps logo for easy identification.

There will be a second class offered in the future so we continue to ask for additional volunteers because 10 volunteers cannot provide the coverage that we desire. The target hours of coverage are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you would like to participate, please call Town Hall or Tom Eschenberg at 724-1007.

## **Passed Resolutions and Ordinances**

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These are the Resolutions and Ordinances that passed since June 1st.

Resolution 12-02, amending the fee schedule for the use of Malabar Park.

Resolution 13-02, appointing the Mayor to sign the traffic signal maintenance agreement with the State of Florida.

Resolution 14-02, amending exhibit 'A' and 'B' of Ordinance 01-01, the Malabar right-of-way ordinance, correcting an error in the exhibits as they relate to the depth of cemented coquina and stabilized sub-grade for right-of-way improvement.

Resolution 15-02, budget adjustment for the Malabar Water Utility and the Transportation Impact Fee fund.

Resolution 16-02, providing certification of the annual stormwater utility assessment roll.

Resolution 17-02, pending as of the writing of this newsletter.

Resolution 18-02, creating the Malabar Eagle Corps

Resolution 19-02, adding the future reconstruction of the of the Malabar mail boat dock for historical and community enhancement purposes to the current five year plan of the capital improvement schedule.

Resolution 20-02, changing the Town depository from SunTrust Bank to Riverside National Bank.

Ordinance 02-03, repealing certain provisions of the Land Development Code concerning the authority of the Planning and Zoning Board to issue waivers to setbacks.

Ordinance 02-04, amending the Code of Ordinances to reflect new district boundaries based on the 2000 census.

Ordinance 02-05, adoption of the 2002/2003 millage rate.

Ordinance 02-06, adoption of the 2002/2003 fiscal budget.

### **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](http://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.

## **Malabar's Five Year Plan**

In March 2001 we printed the beginning of the development for Malabar's five year plan. That plan was finalized and has been worked on over the past year and a half. Here is the final plan and where we stand on completing the objectives.

### **Infrastructure**

1. Roads - on going
2. Drainage - on going
3. Fire Hydrants
4. Neighborhood Revitalization
5. Beautification - in the current budget

### **Public Safety**

1. Purchase Defibrillator - purchased 2002
2. Replace Tanker
3. Engine 99 Refurbish - completed 2001
4. Replace obsolete radio pack sets - on going
5. Paint Building
6. Refurbish Overhead Doors
7. Purchase Bunker Gear - on going
8. Purchase Radios Headsets - on going
9. Purchase Fire Hose - on going
10. Replace Concrete Around Building
11. Purchase Utility Vehicle
12. Purchase Scott Air Packs - on going
13. Purchase Squad Car

### **Equipment**

1. Tractor and accessories for park maintenance
2. Pick-up Truck for Public Works - purchased 2002
3. Dump Truck
4. Mower/Slope Mower
5. Office Equipment/Computers - purchased 2002

### **Facilities**

1. Expand Water & Sewer Lines - west end of Malabar Road complete
2. Public Works Storage
3. Town Hall
4. Community Center/Library
5. Recreation
  - a) Malabar mail boat dock

### **Land Acquisition**

1. Stormwater
2. Industrial
3. Parks and Recreation
4. Parks and Recreation ROW
5. Town Hall/Municipal ROW

## **FEMA 1062 Drainage Program is Approved**

After years of engineering, permitting, planning, and negotiating we are finally at the construction phase of a major drainage project for the Town. This project will cost well over a quarter of a million dollars and is funded solely by FEMA and the State of Florida's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. This project includes replacing major sections of culvert pipe on Corey Road and additional sections on Atz Road and will improve stormwater flow for the southwest section of town. Construction will cause road closures and may be inconvenient to traffic flow but before construction begins everyone that is directly affected will be notified. This project never would have been made possible if not for the hard work of your Council in cooperation with FEMA and the State of Florida.

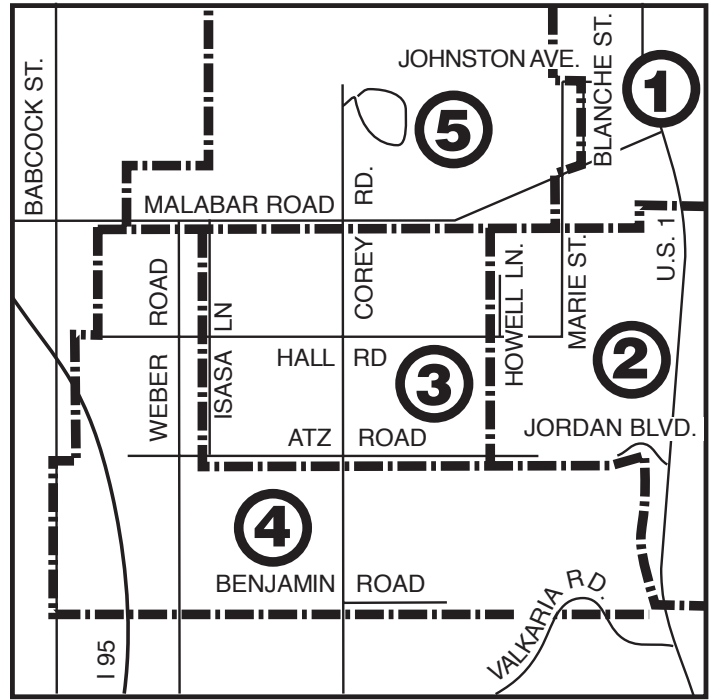
## **Venture Program Begins**

The Town of Malabar is pleased to announce its continuing support for our local youth through the chartering of Boy Scout Venture Crew 37. The Boy Scout Venturing program is designed to provide high adventure outdoor activities to young men and women ages 14 to 20 who have completed the eighth grade. In contrast to the Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs, Crew members have much more freedom in how their program is run. They choose their uniform (if any), when they meet, how their meetings are conducted, and the activities they wish to pursue. For instance, the crew recently went to Rock Springs for a one day tubing adventure and is currently selling Christmas wreaths to support a snow skiing trip to West Virginia. The wreaths are high quality, specially treated for our warm climate, and cost \$20.00. Any youth or adult interested in joining the Crew or in purchasing a Christmas wreath is encouraged to contact the Crew's Administrative Vice President, Zack Beard, at 728-4566.

**Know Your Representatives on Council**

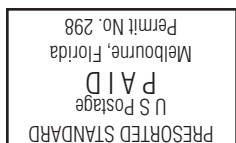
The following Council members represent these districts:

District 1	Nancy Tinio-Borton 141 Riverview Drive	724-2986
District 2	Frank Ballou 2395 LaCourt Lane	984-0445
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 Clerk/ Treasurer	Susan Kabana Town Hall	727-7764
Town Fax		722-2234



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