



# Town of Melbourne Beach Beach Comber

Quarterly Highlights

January – March 2023 - Issue 1

## Beautify Melbourne Beach



The Environmental Advisory Board, with the assistance of many volunteers, did an outstanding job cleaning up the beach and Ryckman Park. They also planted a native plant butterfly garden next to the library.

## Ryckman Park Beautification



The Public Works Dept. has been working hard in Ryckman Park. They have installed a wood walkway, laid new sod, made a crushed coquina walking path, and improved the landscaping.

## Kids Business Fair



The Parks Board hosted the first ever Kids Business Fair. With the help of several volunteers the event was a hit. A lot of kids came out to set up their business and learned all about being an entrepreneur.

## Movie in the Park



The Melbourne Beach Police Department hosts free movies in Ryckman Park with popcorn and snow cones.



**Beaujean House / U.S. Post Office - Renovations**

## Rain Barrel



The Environmental Advisory Board organized a rain barrel demonstration, and had FIT students paint the barrel with accurate lagoon scenery.

## Native Wildflower Planting Day



More than thirty volunteers helped out to plant a native wildflower garden at the Old Town Hall History Center

## Beach Wheelchair



The beach wheelchair is located at Ocean Park, and is available to be rented free of charge to any individual with

mobility needs. Thanks to a donation from the No Bad Days Foundation 501(c)(3). For more information on the program, or to place a reservation, contact the Melbourne Beach Vol. Fire Station at (321)724-1736 or email [FireStation@MelbourneBeachFL.org](mailto:FireStation@MelbourneBeachFL.org)

# FOUNDERS DAY 2023

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Ryckman Park

## FOUNDERS DAY LINE UP

**Arts & Crafts Show**  
8am-5pm

**Food Trucks**  
8am-5pm

**Melbourne Beach Rotary Beer Truck**  
8am-9:30pm  
Ticket Sales End at 9:00pm

**Children's Fishing Contest**  
At the Town Pier – 39<sup>th</sup> Year  
9:30am-11am

**Gemini Cheerleaders**  
In front of the Pavilions  
9:30am

**Ponce De Leon History**  
Community Center  
11am

**Old Post Office**  
Presentation of Upgrades  
1:00pm



**A big Thank You to Mickey Collins for continuing to sponsor the Annual Children's Fishing Contest!**



## Live Music Line Up

Beach Fly – 11:30am-12:30pm

DJ Flip Flop - 1pm-4pm

John Q Jam – 4pm-7pm

Vintage - 7pm-10pm



## Parking

There will be free offsite parking & bus transportation from 8:30am-5:30pm.

Parking locations include:

- St. Sebastian's Church – 2010 Oak St
- Rock Harbor Church (previously Advent Lutheran) – 1805 Oak St

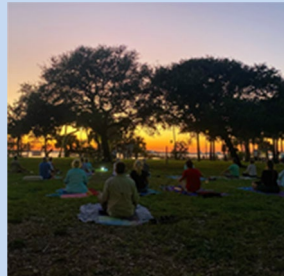
Additional bus stops include:

- Ocean Park
- Spessard Holland North
- Flutie Field



# Meetings, Events, and Activities

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning and Zoning Board	First Tuesday	6:30 pm	Community Center
History Center Board	First Wednesday	5:00 pm	2373 Oak Street
Town Commission Workshop	First Wednesday	6:00 pm	Community Center
Code Enforcement Magistrate	First Thursday as Needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Historical Preservation and Awareness Board	Second Tuesday	5:30 pm	Ryckman House
Parks Board	Second Wednesday	6:00 pm	Masny Room
Regular Town Commission Meeting	Third Wednesday	6:00 pm	Community Center
Board of Adjustment	Third Thursday as Needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Environmental Advisory Board	Fourth Wednesday	7:00 pm	Community Center
Police Pension Fund	March, June, Sept., Dec.	5:30 pm	Masny Room



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 5<sup>th</sup> - Moon Light 5K & Dolphin Dash at Spessard Holland Golf Course
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - Founders Day in Ryckman Park

## ONGOING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Sunset Flow Yoga in Ryckman Park every Tuesday at 6:00 pm
- Flow and Be Strong Exercise Class in Ryckman Park every Wednesday at 9:00 am
- Gentle Yoga in Ryckman Park every Thursday at 6:00 pm
- QiGong in Ryckman Park every Friday at 9:30 am
- Tai Chi in Ryckman Park every Friday at 10:30 am
- Old Town Hall History Museum at 2373 Oak St will be open every Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm
- Front Porch Jam at 2373 Oak St every Saturday from 1 pm - 3 pm
- My Musical Tree Class in Ryckman Park the first Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- Self-Guided Outdoor Native Garden at 2373 Oak St







# Town of Melbourne Beach



## Fire Department

**FIRE TRAINING** - Over the past few months, the Fire Department has conducted multiple training events at various donated structures here in the community. Here in Town, property owners can temporarily "donate" their existing structure to be used by the Fire Department for training purposes before the structure is demolished, allowing for realistic firefighter training exercises. Huge thanks to the Building Department and all of the recent property owners (Carlow family, Formica family, Brunosson family, and Hoelzel family) for allowing us the great training opportunities!



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**MULTI-AGENCY TRAINING** - In addition, Fire Department volunteers attended a multi-agency live fire training event hosted by Eastern Florida State College's Fire Training Center. This gave our Agency the chance to practice real life scenarios (that included real fire) with our neighbors at Indialantic & Satellite Beach Fire Departments. Thanks to local photographer Julian Leek for getting some great photos!

**WATER RESCUES** - The Department responded to multiple water rescue / drowning incidents at local area beaches during the months of February & March. Many of the incidents involved stronger than normal rip currents, and beachgoers inexperienced with ocean swimming. All residents and visitors should take the time to educate themselves on local conditions and rip currents before entering the water, and it is stressed that all ocean swimming should be done near a lifeguarded beach whenever possible. Scan the QR codes for a few quick resources on rip current awareness & safety:



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**RIP CURRENTS**  
Know your options

Rip currents are powerful currents of water moving away from shore. They can sweep even the strongest swimmer away from shore. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard.

**IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT**

- ◆ Relax, rip currents don't pull you under.
- ◆ Don't swim against the current.
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore.
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water.
- ◆ If you need help, yell or wave for assistance.

**SAFETY**

- ◆ Know how to swim.
- ◆ Never swim alone.
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out.
- ◆ Swim near a lifeguard.

More information about rip currents can be found at the following websites:  
weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent/ usla.org



SCAN ME

RIP CURRENT SAFETY VIDEO



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RIP CURRENT SCIENCE VIDEO



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RIP WARNING MAP



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LOCAL FORECAST



A few members of the Fire, Police, Town Hall, and Public Works Departments teamed up and raised \$1,285.00 for childhood cancer research as part of the St. Baldrick's Space Coast Conquers event.



Thanks to Papa John's Pizza of Indialantic for stopping by the Fire Station in February and donating lunch to the on-duty First Responders of the Town of Melbourne Beach!





# Melbourne Beach Police Department



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody presented a Florida Cabinet resolution recognizing March as Women’s History Month to the Florida Police Chiefs Association highlighting the record number of female police chiefs in the state. Attorney General Moody is also encouraging other women to join the law enforcement ranks and help keep Floridians safe. According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, there are a record 7,410 sworn female officers in the state, currently making up 16% of all full-time officers in Florida—four points higher than the national average.

**Attorney General Ashley Moody** said, “Women’s History Month is a time to recognize the incredible accomplishments of so many trailblazing women in

Florida, especially our female law enforcement officers. We are proud to have a record number of women police chiefs in our state, and a higher-than-average number of female officers. I’m glad to present this cabinet resolution to the Florida Police Chiefs Association and encourage other women to consider joining our law enforcement ranks by visiting [BeAForidaHero.com](http://BeAForidaHero.com).” According to FDLE, a record 20 police chiefs in the state are female. At least half of this group are the first woman police chief ever in their department’s history.

## Congratulations!

Officer/SRO Kevin Bradley was recently promoted to Corporal. His hard work and dedication to the Town of Melbourne Beach and our residents is commendable. Corporal Kevin Bradley retired from the NYPD after 20 years of service and moved to Florida and joined the Melbourne Beach Police Department in 2021. His leadership, experience, and commitment are a great asset to the department and the Town. We wish him all the best!



## Summertime Brings Extra Patrols

As we plan for another busy summer at the beach, you will see an increase in beach patrols beginning Memorial Day weekend through the end of August. The Melbourne Beach Police Officers will patrol the beach, the accesses, and the parks to remind beachgoers of rip currents, and address any parking concerns. As a reminder, turtle nesting season begins May 1<sup>st</sup>. To prevent turtle hatchlings from being disoriented or trapped, lights out after 9 pm and fill in any holes on the beach.

## Did you Know...

When a crossing guard or officer is stationed in the middle of an intersection ALL traffic MUST stop and remain stopped until the crossing guard or officer has cleared the intersection.

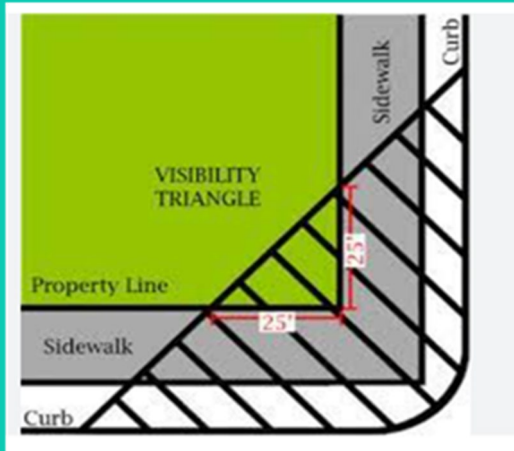


Contact Melbourne Beach Police Department non-emergency number at 321-773-7212 or, in cases of an Emergency, call 9-1-1

# Town of Melbourne Beach

## Building Department

### Visibility Triangle Requirements



All corner lots in the Town of Melbourne Beach received a letter in regards to the Visibility Triangle Requirements. The purpose of that letter was to make sure our residents are aware of and understand what the Visibility Triangle Requirements are. The requirements are important for the safety of the town residents, visitors, and the children traveling to and from school.

If anyone receiving the letter would like to have a site visit done to help explain what it is or see if they're in compliance they can contact the Building Department to set up an Inspection to help understand what the ordinance says.

### Ordinance 2023-01

#### Landscaping and Trees & Fences and Walls

- Amends Section 9A-4 to require permitting, removal standards, and exempt trees posing an unacceptable risk in accordance with Florida Law.
- Amends Section 9A-5 regarding the number of tree removal plans required.
- Amends Section 9A-6 to provide for dimensions for replacement trees and justification for removal permits.
- Amends Section 9A-7 to revise minimum tree plantings for new construction and to add maintenance and replacement requirements.
- Amends Section 9A-10 to provide for clarified exemptions in accordance with State Law.
- Amends Section 9A-12 to provide for enhanced penalties for mature tree removal without a permit.
- Amends Section 7A-53 to allow for fences/walls extending beyond the front building line on residential lots abutting A1A and Oak Street south of Ocean Avenue to be erected to a maximum height of six (6) feet with required plantings and corner lot limitations.
- Amends Section 7A-53 to clarify references to fences and walls.
- Amends Section 7A-53 to add entrance gate standards.
- Amends Section 7A-58 to clarify references to fences and walls.

### Ordinance 2023-02

#### Second Kitchens

- Amends Section 1A-3 to add a definition for "Kitchen" or "Kitchen Facility" which excludes outdoor barbeque areas without a range or stove.
- Amends Section 7A-31 to cite to appropriate supplementary regulations.
- Amends Section 7A-32 to cite to appropriate supplementary regulations.
- Amends Section 7A-33 to cite to appropriate supplementary regulations.
- Creates Section 7A-72 to allow for second kitchens in 1-RS, 2-RS, and 3-RS zoning districts with permitting and regulatory conditions.

## Little Free Library Box

Public Works employee, Ryan Pylman, poses next to the Little Free Library Box. Ryan built the Library Box in the likeness of Town Hall from materials on hand in public works. The Library Box has been installed in Ryckman Park near the playground equipment.

Resident, Mrs. Robin Davis, is responsible for bringing The Little Free Library Box to Ryckman Park. There will be a ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to celebrate the official opening of the Free Library. Mrs. Doris Jannke, President of the Friends of the Library, and 2 Brevard County Librarians will be on hand for the festivities. Stay tuned for more information on the ribbon cutting!



Anyone may take a book - neighbors, friends, and passersby - the books are always free. Book donations are always welcome at the Little Free Library. Find other book-sharing boxes with the Little Free Library work map at [LittleFreeLibrary.org/OurMap](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org/OurMap).

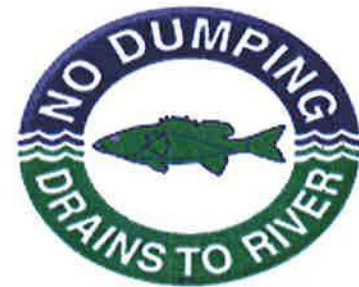
## What is going on at the intersection of Cherry Street and Rosewood Drive?

A stormwater pipe has failed beneath the roadway causing the pavement to sink at that location. We had to take actions to replace the collapsed pipe or the road pavement would eventually cave in. With our rain season approaching we felt this project reached an emergency level. The Town Commission was presented with our dilemma and approved the spending of funds to make the necessary repairs. Work has begun and should be completed by the end of April.



## Only Rain Down the Drain

**PLEASE** do not pile leaves, yard debris, or any material onto the streets. Everything placed there ends up in our stormwater drains and eventually into our Lagoon. Leaves from oak streets clog our filter boxes very quickly and limit the flow of water. Slowing the water flow results in street flooding. Public Works does a periodic check of our stormwater inlets and removes debris that has collected on and around them. Any action you can take to keep our stormwater inlets and curbs free of debris would be greatly appreciated.



# Town Commission Meeting Highlights

## January 4, 2023 – Special Town Commission Meeting

- Approved current Vice Mayor Joyce Barton to continue as the Vice Mayor and the Voting Delegate for the Space Coast League of Cities.
- Approved Commissioner Corey Runte as the alternate Voting Delegate for the Space Coast League of Cities.
- Approved the Bowman Consulting agreement for professional services in the lump sum amount of \$10,525.00 with the conditions of correcting the typo of Ocean Ave should be Riverside and addressing the note at the bottom which conflicts with the scope of work above which mentions adding landscape medians so the contract should include landscape, space planning, and basic design services.
- Approved the legal representation of Jim Simmons regarding the current lawsuit by Ms. Dennington.
- Approved proceeding with the removal of the existing gate opening system and replacing it with the proposal from Automatic Access Systems in the amount of \$9,795.00.

## January 18, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the \$7,000.00 increase in service fee adjustments for James Moore for Fiscal Year 2023.
- Approved Brewer Paving for the reconstruction of the underground pipe at Cherry and Rosewood in the amount of \$141,825.00.
- Approved the updates to Chapter 1 Procurement Procedure 1.03 Town Check Disbursements to reflect the bank services agreement.
- Approved the updates to Chapter 16 Town of Melbourne Beach Meal Reimbursement Allowances to reflect the current U.S. General Services Administration pricing guide for the destination.
- Approved the proposal by JustFoia in the amount of \$6,187.50.
- Denied the request to plant mangroves at the three river access points Avenue A, Avenue B, and Sunset as presented.

## February 15, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Held a public hearing and passed the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2023-01, which amended Code Section 9A and 7A related to Landscaping and Trees.
- Held a public hearing and passed the first reading of proposed Ordinance 2023-02, which amended Code Section 1A and 7A related to Second Kitchens.
- Approved proceeding with changing the volunteer term lengths for the Environmental Advisory Board, History Center Board, Historical Preservation and Awareness Board, and Parks Board to three-year terms.
- Approved proceeding with changing the number of board members for the Environmental Advisory Board, History Center Board, Historical Preservation and Awareness Board, and Parks Board to seven members plus two alternate.
- Approved changing the meeting date for the History Center Board to the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 pm.
- Approved moving forward with restoring the dolphin tree not to exceed \$4,000.00.

## March 15, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Held a public hearing and passed the second reading of proposed Ordinance 2023-01, which amended Code Section 9A and 7A related to Landscaping and Trees.
- Held a public hearing and passes the second reading of proposed Ordinance 2023-01, which amended Code Section 1A and 7A related to Second Kitchens.
- Presented a proclamation recognizing January 2023 as National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.
- Presented a proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Water Conservation Month.
- Approved a special event permit application.
- Denied the request to install a Clean-Up Station at Ocean Park.
- Approved the new contract for Computer Experts.
- Approved a request for reduction of code enforcement fine for case CEB 2019-CE-054.