



# Town of Melbourne Beach Beach Comber

Bimonthly Highlights

January - February 2024 - Issue 5

## Meet With the Mayor

Mayor Alison Dennington is offering open office hours starting on February 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be available in the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm each week for questions, complaints, ideas, or general discussion. On the second Tuesday of each month, she will also offer additional time from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm specifically for discussion of vacation rentals. Don't miss these opportunities to have your voice heard!

## Upcoming Events

- Parks Board & Brevard Astronomers Stargazing in Ryckman Park: Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)
- Sea Oats Sale at the Community Center: Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> (8:00 am - 11:00 am)
- EAB Sea Oats Planting at Ocean Park: Saturday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Nature Day presented by the EAB at Ryckman Park: Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- Parks Board Kids Business Fair at Ryckman Park: Saturday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> (11:00 am - 3:00 pm)



## Plastic Bag Collection at Town Hall

Melbourne Beach native Jack Apotsos has installed a plastic bag collection point in front of Town Hall as part of his business, The Unrecyclable. Jack says that “The Unrecyclable seeks to repurpose plastic bags into products that will last longer as well as keep plastic

bags from reaching our landfills and ecosystems.” He is asking for residents to drop off plastic bags labeled with a **number 2** or **HDPE**, which includes most single-use retail and produce bags from retailers like Publix, Walmart, Target, and others. Prior to starting The Unrecyclable, Jack experimented with using plastic water bottles to create filament for 3D printing. We look forward to seeing his creative endeavors with this project!



## All Undated Parking Passes are Now Expired!

We have moved to an annual renewal system. Valid stickers for 2024 have an expiration date of 12/31/2024 printed on them. If your sticker does not have this date, you must pick up a new sticker at Town Hall. Please bring your vehicle registration and photo ID when picking up your parking sticker.



**THE MELBOURNE BEACH PARKS BOARD  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN RYCKMAN PARK FOR:**



**FEBRUARY 15, 2024  
6:00-8:00PM**

Join us Thursday night for a presentation followed by guided star gazing!

**STAR GAZING WITH THE BREVARD ASTRONOMERS**

Telescopes will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own!



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024

## Black History Month Book Talk

### at the Old Town Hall History Center

Join us on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am as local author Rick Maule highlights the amazing story of African-American hero Robert Smalls, a slave who stole the Confederate flagship in 1862. Maule's historical novel, *Moonlight Helmsman*, has earned critical praise and 12 national awards. Location: 2373 Oak Street, Melbourne Beach, 32951. Contact: (704) 576-0966 or [rtmaule@hotmail.com](mailto:rtmaule@hotmail.com) for info.



**TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH**

# NATURE DAY

**SATURDAY  
FEB 24  
2024  
9 AM-3 PM**



**RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP**

This cooperative project has been funded in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.



SIGN UP



**NATIVE PLANT GIVEAWAY**



**ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKERS & TABLES**

**COMMUNITY CENTER AT RYCKMAN PARK • OCEAN AVE • MELBOURNE BEACH, FL**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**



For more event info, please visit:  
[Facebook.com/MelBchEAB](https://www.facebook.com/MelBchEAB)

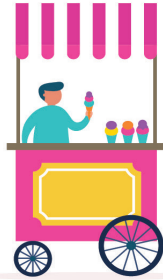





The Town of Melbourne Beach's

# KIDS BUSINESS FAIR

Now Accepting Applications



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March 2, 2024  
Ryckman Park | 11AM - 3PM

\$10 Kid Booth Fee  
Kids Ages 6-17 can participate

Register today!  
Limited Spots Available



Give your child the opportunity to sell a good or service!

TO LEARN MORE OR REGISTER A BOOTH PLEASE VISIT:

[www.childrensbusinessfair.org/melbournebeach-fl](http://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/melbournebeach-fl)

## Children's Christmas Parade & Pancake Breakfast

Residents lined Oak St. and Ocean Ave. on December 30<sup>th</sup> to watch the 59<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Christmas Parade hosted by the Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Association. Santa vacationed in Melbourne Beach after delivering all of his presents, and joined us in the parade. Afterwards, watchers and parade participants alike convened at Station 58 to enjoy a pancake breakfast served by the Fire Department.



MBPD Non-Emergency Admin: (321) 723-4343 | MBVFD Non-Emergency Office: (321) 724-1736

Call 911 for Emergencies

# Town Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning and Zoning Board	First Tuesday as needed	6:30 pm	Community Center
History Center Board	First Wednesday	5:00 pm	2373 Oak Street
Town Commission Workshop	First Wednesday as needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Code Enforcement Magistrate	First Thursday as needed	2:00 pm	Community Center
Historical Preservation and Awareness Board	Second Tuesday	4:30 pm	Ryckman House
Parks Board	First Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Center
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

## Town Commission Meeting Highlights

### December 20, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Presented a proclamation commemorating 37 years of dedicated volunteer service by Retired Fire Chief David Micka to the Town of Melbourne Beach
- Approved the BIS Digital proposal for the audio-visual equipment in the community center in the amount of \$70,930.24
- Appointed Commissioner Sherri Quarrie as the Vice Mayor
- Approved the reappointment of Board Member James Simmons to the Board of Adjustment
- Appointed Vice Mayor Sherri Quarrie as the Voting Delegate for the Space Coast League of Cities
- Appointed Commissioner Corey Runte as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the Space Coast League of Cities
- Approved a 6-month hold on permitting for second kitchens
- Approved scheduling interviews with all three law firms that submitted proposals to become the Town Attorney

### January 17, 2024 - Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the appointment of Travis Hunsucker as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment
- Approved the 2024-2025 seasonal lifeguard contract with Brevard County, pending negotiation on cost
- Approved the legal services proposal from Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, P.A. to become the Town Attorney
- Approved the settlement agreement for multiple cases, Dennington and Funoe, LLC v. Town of Melbourne Beach as presented

## 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 8:30 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. is open every Saturday from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Front Porch Jam at 2373 Oak St. every Saturday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- My Musical Tree Class in Ryckman Park the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- Self-Guided Outdoor Native Garden at 2373 Oak St. is always open

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