



Town of Melbourne Beach Beach Comber

Bimonthly Highlights

May - June 2024 - Issue 7

Daving & Curbing Project

This summer, Riverside Drive will be repaved and new Miami curbs will be installed. The start date is currently TBD; please monitor our social media channels for updates.

Old Town Hall Temporary Closure

Old Town Hall (located at 2373 Oak Street) is closed until further notice for repairs. An announcement will be made on our social media channels when it reopens.

Public Works Project Updates

Public Works has been busy in the first half of 2024 working on multiple projects around Town for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Already completed this year are complete rebuilds of the 1st Avenue and 5th Avenue beach crossovers and re-installation of the historic water tower in Ryckman Park.



Founders Day Recap

The Town of Melbourne Beach held its annual Founders Day celebration on Saturday, May 4th. This year, we had 12 food trucks and 70 vendors. The Children's Fishing Contest continued for its 40th year. DJ Flip Flop, Knockdown, and the Syd Taylor Band provided tunes well into the night. Thank you to everyone who participated - see you next year!



Melbourne Beach Volunteer Firefighters Association



2-9pm
Ryckman
Park

4th OF JULY

Syd Taylor Band
2:30-5:30

Unit Five
6:00-9:00

Bands, Beer
Food Trucks
Family Fun

Followed by
Fireworks

LET'S BE CLEAR... Go Fertilizer Free



JUN
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SEP

Summer is rainy season in Florida. When rain washes fertilizer into our waterways, it fuels algae. Go fertilizer free this summer!

What else can YOU do to save our lagoon?

ORDINANCE 12-37




Christmas in July Toy Drive

May 21st - June 28th



Municipal Clerks throughout the State of Florida have teamed up to host a statewide toy drive to benefit local children's hospitals. Help us improve a child's hospital stay by donating new (unwrapped) toys, games, or books!

Donations may be dropped off at Town Hall.

We are unable to accept large items, outside toys such as bikes, skateboards or fishing poles, any toy resembling a weapon or toys containing weapons, or perfumes/cologne.



Jamie Guth poses with the new Right Whale infographic installed on the Ocean Park boardwalk. A sign with sea turtle information was also installed on the boardwalk, and the signage along the Indian River Lagoon near the Melbourne Beach pier was updated. Thank you to the Environmental Advisory Board for sponsoring this project!

Ongoing Community Activities

- Mayor's Hours in the Community Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Mayor's Hours (Vacation Rentals discussion) in the Community Center: 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- 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
- My Musical Tree Class in Ryckman Park the 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 11:15 am



In this busy election year, it is important for Brevard residents to Be Election Ready. For anyone wanting to register to vote, Florida offers online voter registration, which can be found on VoteBrevard.gov. To complete your registration online, you will need a Florida driver license or Florida identification card. If it is more convenient, paper voter registration applications are available at any of the 4 Supervisor of Elections Offices located in Titusville, Viera, Melbourne, or Palm Bay.



For those who are already registered, you can verify your voter registration is up to date on VoteBrevard.gov by clicking the “Registration Status” tab at the top of the page. This will also allow you to view your precinct and polling location, check your party registration, check the status of your mail ballot, or view a sample ballot. To find important dates and deadlines for the remaining 2024 elections, click on the “Current Elections” tab on VoteBrevard.gov. It’s important to remember the last day to register to vote for an election or change your political party affiliation is 29 days before each election.

Florida is a closed primary state and only voters registered with a political party can vote in that party’s Primary Election. All voters can vote in nonpartisan races such as judicial, school board, municipal, and referenda.

Voters have the option to choose one of 3 methods to cast their vote in Florida. The first option is vote-by-mail. As of Dec. 31, 2022, all mail ballot requests expired, and voters are required to make a new request to receive mail ballots. To request a mail ballot, visit VoteBrevard.gov and click on the “Request Mail Ballot” tab at the top of the page, visit one of the 4 administrative offices, or call the mail ballot department at 321-290-VOTE (8683). New mail ballot requests are good for all elections through Dec. 31, 2024.

It is particularly important for those who vote-by-mail to have a current signature on file with our office because all signatures on returned voted mail ballots are compared with the signature in a voter’s record. To update your signature, fill out a voter registration application and submit the original to one of the 4 administrative offices in person or by mail.

The second method of voting offered is Early Voting. Brevard has 10 convenient Early Voting locations throughout the County. Something not everyone may be aware of is that you can go to any of the 10 Early Voting locations to vote and we can provide your precinct specific ballot. Locations and hours for the 10 Early Voting sites that will be available for the Primary and General Elections can be found on VoteBrevard.gov by clicking the “Early Voting” tab at the top of the page.

The final method available to cast a ballot in Florida is at the polls on Election Day. If you’re waiting to vote until Election Day, remember you must vote at your precinct specific polling location. Since Election Day is a voter’s last chance to vote, and life can be unpredictable, we encourage voters to head to the polls early in the day to ensure they do not miss their chance to vote.

The Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office takes election integrity seriously and has a dedicated page on VoteBrevard.gov which details the efforts taken to ensure the electoral process is secure and transparent. This office is the trusted source for election related information and voters are encouraged to verify information they’ve seen or heard by visiting VoteBrevard.gov, calling 321-290-VOTE (8683), or following my verified Facebook and X accounts.

Together, we can ensure all Brevard voters will Be Election Ready!

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Town Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning and Zoning Board	First Tuesday as needed	6:30 pm	Community Center
History Center Board	Cancelled until further notice		
Town Commission Workshop	First Wednesday as needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Code Enforcement Magistrate	As needed	TBA	Community Center
Historical Preservation and Awareness Board	Second Tuesday	4:00 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

March 20, 2024 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Fire Department presentations including a proclamation commemorating 33 years of dedicated volunteer service to the Town of Melbourne Beach provided by Retired Fire Lieutenant Stephen Stewart, the swearing in of two new State Certified Volunteer Firefighters Michael Bellucco and George Walters, and the acceptance of a \$5,500.00 donation from the MBVFA
- Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit by James Moore
- Approved extending the Waste Pro contract
- Approved the Beach Ambassador program
- Tabled the consideration on ordinance language changes related to sheds
- Approved the language for the second kitchen repeal ordinance
- Approved obtaining quotes for a traffic study of all major roadways
- Failed for a lack of motion – consideration of upcoming Regular Town Commission Meeting dates
- Approved the salary for Police Chief Tim Zander at \$105,000.00
- Approved Resolution 2024-02 Budget Amendment
- Approved authorizing the Town Attorney to review and present a draft ordinance to prohibit sleeping/camping
- Approved sending the gaga ball pit idea to the Parks Board to come up with a plan on structure type and location
- Approved the Town Attorney to review existing code regarding short-term rentals and provide proposed code changes
- Moved the discussion on creating a Citizen Advisory Board to a workshop
- Approved the site plan for 526 Sunset Blvd

April 17, 2024 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance regarding sheds
- Approved the gaga ball pit estimate without mulch
- Approved the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit camping everywhere in the Town
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-02 Repealing Ordinance 2023-02 Second Kitchens
- Approved the request for the Planning and Zoning Board to review the maximum allowable size of accessory structures
- Approved the use of the \$1,500.00 donation from the Garden Club for the use of a landscape water feature at Bicentennial Park subject to further due diligence
- Approved the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance to ban all smoking in all public places in the Town

May 15, 2024 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Presented a proclamation recognizing May 18th through May 24th, 2024 as National Safe Boating Week
- Approved the second reading of Ordinance 2024-02 Repealing Ordinance 2023-02 Second Kitchens
- Failed for a lack of motion – consideration of replacing all of the curbing on Riverside Dr as part of the repaving project
- Failed for a lack of motion – consideration of changes to code 7A-50 Off-Street Parking
- Failed for a lack of quorum – first reading of Ordinance 2024-01 Sheds
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-03 Camping Prohibited
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance 2024-04 Prohibit Smoking
- Approved transcription services with the conditions to not exceed the amount donated from the Mayor’s salary
- Approved the request to purchase a truck for the building department with funds from the enterprise fund of the building department offset by the sale of the Camry