



# Town of Melbourne Beach Beach Comber

Bimonthly Highlights

November - December 2024 - Issue 9



**Robert Baldwin**



**Dawn Barlow**



**Anna Butler**



**Tim Reed**

Commissioner Robert Baldwin was appointed on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Dawn Barlow was appointed on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Elected Commissioners Anna Butler and Tim Reed were sworn in at the Regular Town Commission Meeting on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor and Commissioners may be contacted at the email addresses listed below.

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Commissioner Anna Butler	abutler@melbournebeachfl.org
Commissioner Tim Reed	treed@melbournebeachfl.org

## ALL Parking Passes Expire December 31<sup>st</sup>!

We have moved to an annual renewal system. 2025 resident parking passes are available now. Bring your vehicle registration and photo ID when picking up your parking pass. You may also email these documents to [office@melbournebeachfl.org](mailto:office@melbournebeachfl.org) to have a sticker mailed to your local address. If your vehicle registration does not show your Melbourne Beach address, bring proof of address such as a utility bill, lease agreement, or mortgage statement.

Have you seen our new website?  
Visit us online at [melbournebeachfl.org](http://melbournebeachfl.org)!

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# MBPD - Meet Our Newest Staff



## Police Administrative Assistant Cristina Bryson

Cristina, or "Cris" as we've come to know her, joins our staff with over 30 years' experience as a civilian employee in law enforcement. She worked at the Orange County Sheriff's Office for about 27 years in multiple administrative roles in divisions ranging from the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation to the Community Policing Division. For about three years, Cris served as the Administrative Assistant for the Chief of Police of the Indian Harbour Beach Police Department. Prior to joining the Melbourne Beach team, she was the Property & Evidence Manager/Volunteer Coordinator at the Satellite Beach Police Department. Cris attended the University of Florida and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies. Her 28-year old son Ryan is also a UCF alum, and she has a lab mix at home named Lucy.



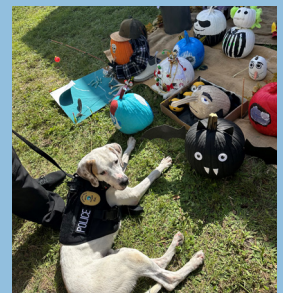
## Officer Tea De Leon

Tea is a dedicated law enforcement professional with over five years of experience in various facets of the field. She started her career as a Deputy with the Indian River County Sheriff's Office. Shortly after, she began teaching as an adjunct police academy instructor and a women's self-defense instructor. In addition to Tea's law enforcement background, she also spent the last year working for the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Special Victims' Unit, where she specialized in sensitive cases involving vulnerable children. With a unique blend of field experience, instructional skill, and a commitment to serving the community, Tea hopes to be a valuable asset to Town and contribute to the safety and empowerment for individuals of all backgrounds.



## Mental Wellness Dog Kirby

Kirby was matched with MBPD through the Paws & Stripes College, sponsored by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Paws & Stripes College takes shelter dogs with good temperament and trains them to be therapy dogs. In addition to receiving initial training, Kirby attended a weeklong training with MBPD's School Resource Officer John Sullivan to become certified as a multi-purpose therapy dog. Kirby's primary role is to work with children who are in crisis, but he also helps children who are just having a bad day. Kirby spends most of his day walking the hallways at Gemini Elementary School, occasionally stopping in classrooms when time permits to visit with students.



## MBVFD - FIRE HYDRANT TESTING NOTICE

Annual fire hydrant inspections and flushing will take place during the months of November and December between 11:00 pm and 4:00 am. Flushing may result in a reduction in water pressure and discoloration of the drinking water. It poses no threat to the public's health, but it may stain laundry, and may have an unpleasant taste. If you notice discolored water coming from your fixtures, please flush the cold water side for a few minutes. If a hydrant is slowly flowing from one outlet, please leave it alone and do not attempt to shut it off or re-cap the outlet. Recapping a flowing hydrant can create a safety hazard. The flushing process is an important preventative maintenance measure.

If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please feel free to contact Fire Chief Gavin Brown at (321) 724-1736.



## Indialantic & Melbourne Beach Holiday Golf Cart Parade

Date: **December 20, 2024**

Meeting location: **Orlando Park**

Meeting time: **5:45 p.m.**

Best decorated cart judging begins: **6:15 p.m.**

Parade starts: **7:00 p.m.**

**Please note:** In the spirit of the season, a voluntary donation is requested from each cart with the grand total of all proceeds going to the Candlelighters of Brevard, Inc.





# Holiday Events

## ANNUAL GET UP, GATHER & GROOVE THANKSGIVING

FUN RUN & WALK FOOD DRIVE FUND RAISER

7:30 AM Donation Drop  
Race Starts at 8 AM  
at MelBeach  
Community Center

Kids, strollers, friendly  
leashed pets- Just FUN!



INCLUDES RAFFLE FOR FREE  
ADMISSION TO PINAPPLEMAN  
TRIATHLON A \$129 VALUE



Rotary  
Club of Melbourne Beach



SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$20 FOOD / OR \$

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

COME VISIT

Sunday December 1st, 2024

2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Ryckman House  
Melbourne Beach  
Gifts & candy canes



Sponsored by the Melbourne Beach Historical Preservation & Awareness Board.

## Christmas Tree Lighting

Where: Ryckman Park

When: Friday, December 6th

Time: 6:30 PM



Walking History Tour  
led by Author Rick Maule



New Year's Day  
January 1, 2025  
10 am at the Pier  
on Ocean Avenue

For more information, contact 704-576-0966 or rmaule@hotmail.com

60TH ANNUAL



Children's  
Christmas  
Parade

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 14  
9:00 AM

1805 Oak St North to Ocean  
Ave, East to Ryckman Park

Come one, come all to help celebrate the running of the Children's Christmas Parade for its 60TH YEAR!!! The Fire Department is proud to sponsor this local town tradition. All participants must register online at [mbvfd.com](http://mbvfd.com). Come up with a creative costume, make a float, or just grab a spot along the route to watch. Awards will be given in three categories: Individual, Small Group, and Large Group.

## MBVFD's 2024 Christmas Eve Santa Run

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 starting at 5:30 PM

Wrapped gifts must be dropped off at the Fire Station during designated times prior to Christmas Eve

Visit <https://mbvfd.com/santa-run/> or call Fire Chief Gavin Brown at 321-724-1736 ext. 1 for more information on gift drop-off times



# DRAFT Noise Ordinance

This is a draft of a proposed update to our noise ordinance. Interested in voicing your opinion? Attend a Town Commission meeting and speak during open comment or when this item is placed on the agenda. If you would like to read this ordinance online in a larger format, go to <https://www.melbournebeachfl.org/Town-News/Draft-of-Proposed-Noise-Ordinance-Update>

## ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 48, "NOISE CONTROL," RELATING TO NOISE REGULATIONS; AMENDING REGULATIONS, DEFINITIONS, AND TESTING PROTOCOLS RELATED TO NOISE RESTRICTIONS; PROVIDING MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS IN RESIDENTIAL USE CATEGORY; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL PERMITS AND LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution and Laws of Florida authorize the Town of Melbourne Beach to adopt ordinances regulating, restricting, or prohibiting the production or emission of noises that tend to annoy, disturb, or frighten its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the measurement of noise level presents unique challenges, particularly along busy roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commissions finds the reliance upon a "reasonable person" standard in cases where it is impractical to perform a noise level reading due to ambient noise levels injects and undue amount of subjectivity into the process of determining noise levels; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds it to be more reasonable and effective to use the ambient noise level as the maximum noise level in circumstances when ambient noise meets or exceeds the maximum noise level allowed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy and intent of the Town of Melbourne Beach to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and to promote an environment free from sound and noise disruptive of peace and good order.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH, FLORIDA:

**Section 1.** Chapter 48, "Noise Control," of the Town of Melbourne Beach Code of Ordinances, shall be amended as follows (Note: additions indicated by underline; deletions indicated by ~~strike through~~; and text that shall remain unaltered that is not reproduced here is indicated by ellipses (\*\*\*)):

**Section 2.** The findings set forth in the recitals above are adopted and fully incorporated herein as legislative findings of the Town Commission pertaining to this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** Chapter 48, "Noise Control," is hereby amended to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 48: NOISE CONTROL

### § 48-1. UNUSUAL AND LOUD NOISE PROHIBITED.

(a) It shall be unlawful, for any person, firm or corporation to create or assist in creating any unreasonably loud and disturbing noise in the town. Noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to the public health, welfare and peace is prohibited, except as expressly permitted in this article, to make, cause or allow the making of any noise or sound in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance.

(b) The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud and disturbing noises in violation of this section, but this enumeration shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(1) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus or other vehicle, except as a danger signal, so as to create any unreasonably loud or harsh sound or the sounding of such device for an unreasonable period of time, or the use of any gong or siren upon any vehicle, other than police, fire or other emergency vehicle.

(2) The playing of any radio (except in a motor vehicle as defined in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes), phonograph, or other musical instrument in a manner or with such volume, particularly during hours between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person in any dwelling, hotel or other type of residence.

(3) The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.

(4) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded or in a manner as to create loud grating, grinding, rattling or other noise.

(5) The blowing of any steam whistle attached to any stationary boiler or engine, except to give notice of the time to begin or stop work or as a warning of danger.

(6) The sounding of any bell or gong (except emergency equipment) attached to any building or premises which disturbs the quiet or repose of persons in the vicinity thereof.

(7) The conducting, operating or maintaining of any garage or service station in any residential area so as to cause loud or offensive noises to be emitted therefrom between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or on Sundays.

(8) The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, or court while the same are in session, or within 150 feet of any hospital, which unreasonably interferes with the working of those institutions, provided conspicuous signs are displayed on those streets indicating that the area is a school, court or hospital area.

(9) The creation of any excessive noise on Sundays on any street adjacent to any church, provided conspicuous signs are displayed in such streets adjacent to churches indicating that the same is a church street.

(10) The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair in the event that such alteration or repair creates noise of such character, intensity and duration as to be detrimental to public health, welfare, and peace, of any building in a residential or business district other than

between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety and then only with a permit from the Building Inspector, which permit may be renewed for a period of three days or less while the emergency continues.

(11) The use of any mechanical device operated by compressed air unless the noise created thereby is effectively muffled and reduced.

(12) The shouting and crying of peddlers, barkers, hawkers and vendors which disturbs the quiet and peace of the neighborhood.

(13) The use of any drum, loud speaker or other instrument or device for the purpose of attracting attention by creation of noise to any performance, show, or sale or display of merchandise.

(14) The use of any mechanical loud speakers or amplifiers on trucks or other moving vehicles for advertising purposes or other purposes except where specific license is received from the Town Commission.

(15) The operation of a radio, tape player or other mechanical sound making device or instrument from a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 316.003, Florida Statutes, on a street or highway by any person operating or occupying said motor vehicle, so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 100 feet or more from the motor vehicle or is louder than necessary for the convenient hearing by persons inside the motor vehicle in areas adjoining churches, schools, or hospitals. This provision shall not apply to circumstances as described in Section 316.3045, Florida Statutes.

### § 48-2. DEFINITIONS.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning. All terminology used in this article which is not defined below, shall be in conformance with applicable publications of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or its successor body.

*A-weighted sound level* means the sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighted network. The level so read is designated dBA.

*Ambient noise* means the all-encompassing noise associated with a given environment, being usually a composite of sounds from many sources.

*Building line* means an imaginary line extending at a ninety-degree angle from the right-of-way to the nearest corner of a building.

*Town Manager* means the town manager of the Town of Melbourne Beach or the manager's designee.

*C-weighted sound level* means the sound pressure level in decibels as measured on a sound level meter using the C-weighted network. The level so read is designated dBC.

*Decibel* means a unit for describing the amplitude of sound, equal to twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is twenty (20) micrometers per square meter.

*Emergency work* means any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating physical trauma or property damage threatened or caused by an existing or eminent peril.

*Noise disturbance* means any sound which:

- (1) Endangers or injures the safety or health of humans or animals; or
- (2) Annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities; or
- (3) Endangers or injures personal or real property.

For purposes of this definition, any sound that exceeds the maximum permissible sound levels set forth in section 48-4 of this article shall constitute a noise disturbance per se. It is the intent and purpose of this definition that sounds that either meet the aforesaid criteria or exceed the sound levels in section 48-4 shall constitute a violation of this article.

*Originating property* means the property from which any sound originates.

*Receiving property* means property into which any sound is projected other than the originating property.

*Sound level* means the weighted sound pressure level obtained by the use of a metering characteristic and weighting A, B, or C as specified in American National Standards Institute specifications for sound level meters, ANSI S1.4-1983, or in successor publications. If the weighting employed is not indicated, the A-weighting shall apply.

*Sound level meter* means an instrument, which includes a microphone, amplifier, RMS detector, integrator or time averager, output meter, and weighing networks used to measure sound pressure levels. The output meter reads sound pressure levels when properly calibrated, and the instrument is to type 2 or better, as specified in the American National Standards Institute Publications, S1.4-1983, or its successor publications.

*Sound pressure level* means twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base ten (10) of the ratio of the RMS sound pressure level to the reference of twenty (20) micronewtons per square meter.

*Testing protocol* shall be at least two (2) fifteen (15) second readings taken from a receiving property as defined herein. In cases where the city has received a complaint regarding sound levels, the readings shall be taken from the property from which the complaint is made, if known. In cases where the city has received no complaint or where the location of the complainant is not known, the readings shall be taken from the right-of-way adjacent to the nearest developed receiving property to the originating property from approximately the point at which the building line nearest to the originating property intersects the right-of-way.

### § 48-3. MEASUREMENT OF SOUND.

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Standards, instrumentation, measurement procedures, and instrumentation maintenance used in the measurement of sound shall be in accordance with ANSI S1.4-1983 or its successor publications. Town personnel that will be taking sound level measurements shall be trained to use sound testing devices.

## § 48-4. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SOUND LEVELS IN RESIDENTIAL USE CATEGORY.

No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the operation of any source of sound in such a manner as to create a sound level that exceeds the sound level limits listed in table 1 when measured beyond the originating property's property line. Sound or noise projecting from one zoning district into another zoning district with a different decibel level limit shall not exceed the limits of the zoning district into which the noise is projected when measured from within such receiving zoning district. Sound pressure levels in excess of those established in table 1 shall constitute prima facie evidence that such sound is in violation of this article. The sound shall be measured using the "A" and "C" scale in slow time constant. In circumstances where the ambient noise level is equal to or exceeds the sound pressure levels established in table 1, the ambient noise level shall represent the maximum sound pressure level for purposes of performing the measurement provided for herein.

TABLE 1  
MAXIMUM SOUND LEVELS FOR  
RESIDENTIAL USE CATEGORY

Use Occupancy Category	Time	Maximum Sound Level Limit—dBA	Maximum Sound Level Limit—dBC
Residential <sup>1</sup>	8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.	60	65
	8:00 p.m.—8:00 a.m.	55	60

## § 48-5. NOISE LEVEL EXEMPTIONS.

The following uses and activities shall be exempt from this article's noise level regulations except as listed in table 1.

- (1) Air conditioners when functioning in accord with the manufacturers' [specifications], standard mufflers and noise-reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition according to standards promulgated by the American Refrigeration Institute. The same exception shall apply to lawn mowers and agricultural equipment during daylight hours.
- (2) Non-amplified crowd noises resulting from activities such as those planned by student, governmental or community groups.
- (3) Construction operations for which building permits have been issued, or construction operations not requiring permits due to ownership of the project by an agency of government, providing all equipment is operated in accord with the manufacturers' specifications and with all standard equipment, mufflers and noise-reducing equipment in use and in proper operating condition.

<sup>1</sup> The Town's zoning map shall be relied upon for purposes of defining residential use properties.

- (4) Noises of safety signals, warning devices, emergency pressure relief valves and bells and chimes of churches.
- (5) Noises resulting from any authorized emergency vehicle when responding to an emergency call or acting in time of emergency.
- (6) Noises resulting from emergency work.
- (7) Any other noise resulting from activities of a temporary duration permitted by law and for which a permit therefor has been granted by the city in accordance with this article. Regulation of noises emanating from operations under permit shall be according to the conditions and limits stated on the permit and contained in this article.
- (8) Noises made by persons having obtained a permit to use the streets.
- (9) All noises coming from the normal operations of aircraft (not including scale model aircraft).
- (10) Motor vehicles defined in F.S. Ch. 316.
- (11) All noises generated by the Town and its agents and/or from Town sponsored events.
- (12) All noises generated during the July 4th holiday.

## § 48-6. OTHER NOISE.

- (a) Some sounds may be such that they are not measurable or may not exceed the limits but they may be excessive, unnatural, prolonged, and unusual and are a detriment to the public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare and prosperity of the residents of the Town.
- (b) With the exception of those exemptions provided by state law, noises prohibited by this section are unlawful, notwithstanding the fact that no violation of section 48-4 is involved, and notwithstanding the fact that the activity complained about is exempted in section 48-5.
- (c) Thus, the following acts are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this article:
  - (1) The sounding of any horn or signaling device on any automobile or other vehicle, except as a danger warning;
  - (2) The creation by means of any signaling device of any unreasonably loud or harsh sound;
  - (3) The sounding of any signaling device for any unnecessary or unreasonable period of time; and the unreasonable use of any signaling device.

## § 48-7. SPECIAL PERMITS FOR RELIEF OF MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE NOISE LEVELS.

- (a) Applications for a special permit for relief from the maximum allowable noise level limits designated in this article may be made in writing to the Town Manager. Any special permit

granted by the Town Manager hereunder must be in writing and shall contain all conditions upon which said special permit shall be effective.

- (b) The Town Manager may grant the relief as applied for under the following conditions:

- (1) The Town Manager may require the applicant to exhaust all technically reasonable abatement measures before a special permit is issued. These abatement measures shall be selected and installed by the applicant at his/her own risk.
- (2) Special permits may be granted for the purpose of entertainment that exceeds the maximum allowable noise levels established in this article under the following conditions:
  - a. The function must be open to the public (admission may be charged).
  - b. The function must take place on public property.
  - c. The special permit will be given for only four (4) hours in one (1) twenty-four-hour day.
  - d. The function shall be staged between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (3) Special permits for non-entertainment special purposes may be issued under any of the following conditions:
  - a. If the special purpose relates to the operation of a trade or business, that the special purpose does not relate to the operation of a trade or business, that the special purpose not be an ordinary event in the affairs of the applicant.
  - b. If the special purpose is a recurring purpose, that it not recur more often than four (4) times each calendar year.
  - c. That the special purpose be absolutely necessary to the operation of the applicant's trade or business; or if the special purpose does not relate to the operation of the trade or business, that the special purpose be compatible with the ordinary activities of the neighborhood in which the special purpose is to occur.
  - d. Except in emergency situations, as determined by the Town Manager, the special permit may be issued only four (4) hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays.
  - e. Special permits may be issued for no longer than fifteen (15) consecutive days, renewable by further application to the Town Manager.
- (4) No special permit shall be issued to permit the use of any loudspeaker or sound-amplifying device on the exterior of any building, which at any time exceeds the sound level limits in table 1, except those used for emergency warnings.

## § 48-8. LICENSE FOR USE OF LOUSPEAKERS OR PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS.

- (a) Loudspeakers or public address systems used to produce sound signals from any source for either advertising or other purposes shall not be operated on or over public property and public rights-of-way, unless a license has been issued by the Town Manager. Such systems may be used Monday through Saturday during daylight hours only. No such systems shall be used, except systems used by police officers and/or Town employees acting in an official capacity, systems approved in conjunction with special permits and special events approved by the Town Manager and special uses approved by the Town Commission.
- (b) Favorable recommendation of the police chief is required before issuance of a license. Such a recommendation must be given if the proposed activity will not violate any ordinance and will not endanger the public health and safety.
- (c) No loudspeakers or sound-amplifying devices shall be operated pursuant to this section within the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
- (d) No loudspeakers or sound-amplifying devices shall be allowed to operate pursuant to this section during any hour of the day or night that exceeds the maximum permissible sound levels as described in section 48-4 unless a special permit for relief from the maximum allowable noise level limits established in this article has been approved by the Town Manager.

## § 48-9. PENALTIES.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provision of this chapter shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed \$200.

- (a) Each violation of this article shall carry the following civil penalties:
  - (1) First violation within a one hundred eighty-day period, a written warning and notice to cure.
  - (2) Second violation within a one hundred eighty-day period, a citation in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
  - (3) Third and subsequent violations within a one hundred eighty-day period, a citation in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

In the event that a person contests the citation issued him or her, or if he or she is convicted of the above charge, the court will set the fine in an amount not exceeding the statutory limits plus

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any costs the court may impose. The Town may also seek payment of outstanding expenses as restitution.

§§ 48-10. – 48-99 RESERVED.

**Section 4.** Codification. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be included and incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Melbourne Beach, as additions or amendments thereto.

**Section 5.** Severability. Should any word, phrase, sentence, subsection, or section be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, unenforceable, or unconstitutional, then that word, phrase, sentence, subsection, or section so held shall be severed from this Ordinance and all other words, phrases, sentences, subsections, or sections shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6.** Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or part thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

**Section 7.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, by the Town Commission of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida.

# US Flag Collection Box at Town Hall Complex

Local Boy Scout Owen Addington recently completed his Eagle Scout project of installing a United States flag collection box at the Town Hall Complex and coordinating a monthly collection schedule. Scout Addington also taught a training class to a local Boy Scout of America troop regarding how to properly fold a United States Flag and conduct a respectful disposal ceremony based on guidance from the Department of Defense and U.S. Flag Code. The flag collection box is conveniently located outside the door to the Fire Department offices, underneath the covered porch. We would like to thank Scout Addington for making this service available to our residents, and helping to continue a tradition of honoring our great nation's flag and everything that it represents!



# Veterans Day Celebration



The Parks Board hosted a Veterans Day Celebration on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in Ryckman Park. A Color Guard kicked off the ceremony, followed by a speaker and a performance by the Gemini Chorus. Kids were invited to participate in crafts and attendees had an opportunity to speak to local veterans about their time in service. This year's event boasted record attendance. During the event, the Parks Board debuted their Hometown Heroes program, which honors local veterans by featuring them on banners along Ocean Avenue from Memorial Day through July. Applications for 2025 may be picked up at Town Hall or downloaded from our website.

The celebration's featured speaker was Army Veteran Sean Hasner. Specialist Hasner spent four years of his eight-year contract with 2/4 Infantry, including a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan. He then spent the remaining four years with the 351<sup>st</sup> Military Police. In both units, he served as a 68W combat medic. Sean has worked in the Public Works department for eight years, and is the Foreman as of 2022. He is also the Town's liason to the Parks Board.

*Sean in action driving the tractor for our Fall Festival's hayride*



# Public Works Updates

## New Employee: Jacob Lopez

Jacob is originally from California and moved to Brevard County two years ago. He joined our Public Works team with both HVAC experience and a background as a practicing electrical apprentice. Prior to working in these trades, he had a career in Sales. Jacob enjoys fishing and staying active by playing in local sports leagues. He and his girlfriend Charli live in Palm Bay with their three cats.



## Deck Construction Completed in Ryckman Park

Public Works has finished the deck area between the Community Center and Fish Bowl sprinkler park. This deck has three picnic tables and is a great shaded area to relax while visiting Ryckman Park. It offers a good vantage point of the Fish Bowl so parents can keep an eye on their children. This project was funded entirely with parking revenues!





# Town Commission Meeting Highlights

## July 17, 2024 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved Ordinance 2024-01 – Amending Appendix “A”, The Land Development Code, relating to Sheds
- Approved the Goodson Paving bid for \$340,154.70 to replace curbing on Riverside Dr
- Approved having the Town Attorney draft language about camping
- Approved Rammage Contracting quote for \$23,102.10 to fix the stormwater issue on Town property at the end of Third Ave
- Approved the Stormwater Utility Assessment Roll Interlocal Agreement
- Approved Resolution 2024-03 – Stormwater Utility Assessment Roll Certification
- Tabled consideration of a speed camera system in the school zone
- Approved Resolution 2024-05 – Authorizing participation in prisoner transportation program

## August 21, 2024 – Special Town Commission Meeting & Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the four qualified candidates for Commissioner-at-large
- Presented a proclamation recognizing September 2024 as National Suicide Prevention Month
- Presentation of Certified Municipal Clerk designation to Town Clerk Amber Brown
- Approved renewing the South Beaches Coalition Interlocal Agreement
- Approved continuing to rent the Community Center to the public
- Approved Resolution 2024-04 – Fee Schedule
- Failed for a lack of motion to create a Citizen Advisory Board
- Approved proceeding with the Municipal Citizens Academy concept subject to further information
- Failed for a lack of motion to increase the amounts of accrued annual leave and compensatory time caps
- Approved recognizing Olympic gold medalist Caroline Marks by renaming Ocean Park and look into a potential celebration
- Failed for a lack of motion to provide direction to the Planning and Zoning Board
- Approved establishing a Youth Mayor for a Day program

## September 6, 2024 – Special Town Commission Meeting & Tentative Budget Hearing

- Approved the appointment process to fill the vacated Town Commission seat
- Approved Resolution 2024-06 – Adopting the Tentative Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- Approved Resolution 2024-07 – Adopting the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

## September 17, 2024 – Final Budget Hearing

- Approved Resolution 2024-08 – Adopting the Final Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- Approved Resolution 2024-09 – Adopting the Final Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

## September 18, 2024 – Special Town Commission Meeting & Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Reviewed and discussed the submissions to fill the vacant Commission seat
- Presented a proclamation recognizing September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution Week
- Recognition of Boy Scout Logan Knolmayer for the completion of his Eagle Scout project
- Appointed Robert Baldwin to the vacated Town Commission seat and administered the Oath of Office
- Approved the concept of an ADA compliant ramp on the Community Center
- Declined legal pursuit into allegations of toxic work environment; approved an anonymous employee survey
- Approved a candidate forum
- Declined any investigation into the key fob issue; approved reviewing an updated P&P manual
- Approved using a private provider for the building official not to exceed four months
- Approved changing the October Regular Town Commission Meeting date to October 23<sup>rd</sup>

## October 16, 2024 – Special Town Commission Meeting

- Approved the appointment process to fill the vacated Town Commission seat

## October 23, 2024 – Special Town Commission Meeting & Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Reviewed and discussed the submissions to fill the vacant Commission seat
- Appointed and swore in Dawn Barlow to the vacated Town Commission seat
- Declined the consideration of offering pro-rated non-resident parking passes
- Approved the seasonal lifeguard contract for fiscal year 2025
- Approved raffle at Founders Day of used street signs
- Approved scheduling stormwater workshops
- Approved Resolution 2024-11 – Vacation Rental Fee Schedule
- Approved Resolution 2024-10 – Censuring Mayor Alison Dennington

# Town Board Highlights

## Environmental Advisory Board

- Currently researching: a sea turtle conservancy lighting ordinance, Restore our Shores seagrass beds, and tree ordinance improvement and enforcement

## Historical Preservation & Awareness Board

- Had a history update about Garrett Ryckman and grape vines and wine
- Will be hosting Santa at the Ryckman House on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-4 pm

## History Center Board

- Currently researching: future presentations and exhibits, and the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3)
- They recently hosted book talks by Rick Maule and had a presentation on the History of the 1715 fleets by Tom Funk

## Parks Board

- Currently researching: a water feature in Bicentennial Park, playground equipment for Ryckman Park, a refresh of Circle Park, an honor walk for veterans, hosting a suicide prevention event, and locations to move the Gaga ball pit to
- They recently hosted a Veterans Day event
- Currently accepting applications through Town Hall for “Hometown Heroes” banners to honor local veterans

## Planning & Zoning Board

- Currently researching: accessory structure requirements, code revisions to 9A landscaping and trees, and codes related to fill and building heights

## Town Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Planning and Zoning Board	First Tuesday as needed	6:30 pm	Community Center
History Center Board	First Tuesday	4:00 pm	2373 Oak Street
Town Commission Workshop	First Wednesday as needed	6:00 pm	Community Center
Code Enforcement Magistrate	As needed	TBA	
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



**A Town Commission Workshop will be held Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to discuss vacation rentals.**

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- 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

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