



Town of Melbourne Beach Beach Comber

Quarterly Highlights

July - September 2023 - Issue 3

Hello neighbors,

It's nice to have this opportunity to share some thoughts with y'all during the last few months of my tenure as Mayor. I hope you won't mind me using this space to offer a bit of perspective, as well as some considerations for the future. Having served on the Commission since 2016, this November marks 7 years of service to the Town of Melbourne Beach and I'm quite proud of all that my fellow Commissioners, the Town Staff and I have accomplished during that time. I owe a special thanks to former Mayor Jim Simmons, who reached out and encouraged me to get involved in what was a Town Commission that had been mismanaging the Town and our resources for over a decade. When I entered office in 2016, we faced a range of critical challenges including: failing stormwater infrastructure; more than half the Town's roads in need of repaving; our town's parks, buildings and vehicles in a state of disrepair; embarrassing news of Commissioners bickering and fighting during Town meetings; and a Town staff that turned over frequently because we were paying our employees around 10% lower than what they could make doing the same job in one of our neighboring communities. Those first couple of years were tough and I wasn't always so grateful to the former Mayor for his encouragement. Jokes aside, Jim's determination to implement a strong budget review process and the creation of a 5-year capital projects plan, both of which still exist today, are the foundation for our fiscal policy, the annual budget planning process and set the stage for everything that gets accomplished the following year. Those planning workshops typically take place in the summer months and the Commission would love to see more residents in attendance.

As we began to tackle all the projects that had been put off for far too long, it was obvious the Town needed more revenue, and we were forced to raise taxes on ourselves in consecutive years. This raised a few discontented voices, and most residents were happy to see the Town finally investing in itself. A couple years later many of the positive changes became obvious – replacing and repairing rusty playground equipment, repaving of failing roads, upgrading dune crossovers, better maintenance of grounds, new roofs and fresh paint on buildings – other changes were not as obvious. With a more proactive Commission, it became apparent that some staff members appreciated the opportunity to take pride in their work and others wanted to maintain the old, “do just enough to get by” approach. This change in philosophy led to some changes and discontented voices from those who also favored the old approach.

Several hurricanes and a pandemic later, I believe the Town is in as strong a position as it has ever been to maintain its strong community and to meet any challenges we may face in the future. Since 2019, we have been able to keep our property tax (millage = \$1 per \$1,000 of property value) rate at about 4.5 mills which is 4th lowest in the county (the highest rates are approaching 9 mills). We have a dedicated, self-directed Town staff who seek out potential problems and bring them to us with an opportunity to take action before a crisis arises. We have regular community events for all age groups and beautiful facilities that serve both our residents and visitors. We have streets that are growing safer for our children and families to bike and walk throughout town. We have active, resident led volunteer boards that are doing amazing things throughout town like hosting events at the Old Town Hall History Center and the Ryckman House, reviewing and

updating our Town Code of Ordinances, overseeing the creation and implementation of our Guidelines for Sustainability Actions and many, many other things (join a board to get involved!). Finally, we have a Commission that values community, safety, our lagoon and shares my desire to maintain a Town of which we can all be proud. The expression of these values don't always look the same, and we don't always agree, but everyone is working together in good faith and for the benefit of our beautiful Town. Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve and I look forward to seeing you around town!

Mayor Wyatt Hoover



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Firefighters Association Haunted House: Friday, Oct. 13th & Saturday, Oct. 14th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
- Police Department Cinema Night at Ryckman Park: Friday, Oct. 13th at 7:00 pm
- Veterans Day Assembly at Ryckman Park: Saturday, Nov. 11th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Fall Family Fun Day: Saturday, Nov. 18th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm
- Rotary Club "Get Up, Gather, and Groove" Thanksgiving Race: Thursday, Nov. 23rd, Time TBD
- Golf Cart Parade: December, Date and Time TBD
- Children's Christmas Parade hosted by the Firefighters Association: Saturday, Dec. 16th
- Firefighters Association Christmas Eve Santa Run Gift Delivery:
 - Gift Drop Off Dates: Dec. 20th – 23rd
 - Event Date: Sunday, Dec. 24th

CINEMA NIGHT AT RYCKMAN PARK



OCTOBER 13, 2023

7PM

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING PICNIC SNACKS, BUT PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT.

FREE
POPCORN

FREE
ENTRY

FREE
SNOW CONES

Melbourne Beach Volunteer
Fire Department

Haunted House

October 13 & 14 6-9pm

FOOD TRUCKS

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED

ENTER IF YOU DARE...

Town of Melbourne Beach

F A L L

Family Fun Day

Saturday, November 18th
3:00 - 6:00 pm
Ryckman Park
Movie starting at 6:00 pm

Carnival Games • Kids' Prizes
Food Trucks • Hayrides • Petting Zoo

Building Department

Building Permits - Frequently Asked Questions

Why do I need a building permit?

Answer: Per Florida Building Code: "Any owner or authorized representative who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, covert or replace any required impact-resistant coverings, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the Florida Building Code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the Building Official and obtain the required permit."

What work requires a building permit?

Answer: With the exception of painting, flooring, cabinets, and residential landscaping, almost everything requires a building permit in the State of Florida. If you are unsure, please call Town Hall.



Why is obtaining a Building Permit beneficial to me as a homeowner?

Answer: When a permit is submitted to the Town of Melbourne Beach Building Department, it is reviewed to ensure it meets established Florida Building Code. The review and approval process allows problems to be identified and corrected before any non-compliant work occurs. During the permitting process, a contractor's license and insurance are verified. Having a permit allows a person knowledgeable in construction the opportunity to inspect and confirm that minimum code prescribed construction requirements are met.

What happens if I do not obtain a building permit?

Answer: The transfer of property can be delayed when non-permitted work is discovered. Work completed without permits and/or inspections is deemed to be unsafe and a Stop Work Order will be issued to the property. The removal of a Stop Work Order is a violation of law. Work that is performed without a permit is subject to four times the permit fee and may have to be partially or completely demolished.

Historical Preservation and Awareness Board



Attention Moms and Dads: Santa has confirmed he will be at Ryckman House on Sunday, December 3rd between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm to chat with children about their Christmas lists and to verify the kids are on the "nice list". As in years past, the visitors are escorted from the porch into the house one family at a time. All children will receive a small toy and a candy cane from Santa. This is the perfect time to snap a family photo with Santa. One of his assistants will happily volunteer to take the photo with your camera so the whole family can be in the picture. Guests will be treated to beautiful live Christmas music on the porch.



Melbourne Beach Fire Department

FIRE HYDRANT TESTING NOTICE – Annual fire hydrant inspections and flushing will take place during the months of October and November between midnight 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.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK Oct. 8-14, 2023

- The #1 cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove!
- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don’t use the stove or stovetop.
- Establish a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around any cooking surface and turn pot/pan handles to the rear of the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from heat sources.
- If you have a small fire in the oven, turn off the heat and leave the door closed.
- If you have a small fire on the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid or baking sheet over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire, just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you, and call 911 after you are out of the building.

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?
Cooking safety starts with YOU.

Pay attention to fire prevention.

 **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™**  **fpw.org**

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Interested in joining our team and serving your community? Visit MBVFD.com/Recruitment

Public Works Department

At the end of June, construction was completed on the new boardwalk at Ocean Park. Stretching 100 feet long and 8 feet wide, it offers a clear view of the ocean and three seating areas to enjoy the scenery. The boardwalk is handicap accessible via the existing ramp structure.



Public Works Foreman Sean Hasner smiles at a job well done.



The boardwalk offers a stunning line of sight to the Atlantic Ocean.



DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



General

- Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- Batteries
- Flashlights
Do not use candles
- NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- Cell phone chargers
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- First Aid Manual
- Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- Sterile gauze pads
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Sewing needle
- Moistened towelettes
- Antiseptic
- Disinfectant wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Thermometer
- Tube of petroleum jelly
- Safety pins
- Soap
- Latex gloves
- Sunscreen
- Aspirin or other pain reliever
- Anti-diarrheal medicine
- Antacid
- Laxative
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips

Food and Water

- Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- Water
1 gallon per person per day
- Non-electric can opener
- Paper plates
- Napkins
- Plastic cups
- Utensils

Important Documents

- Insurance cards
- Medical records
- Banking information
- Credit card numbers
- Copies of social security cards
- Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- Other personal documents
- Set of car, house, and office keys
- Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Pet Care Items

- Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- Proper identification
- Medical records/microchip information
- A carrier or cage
- Muzzle and leash
- Water and food bowls
- Medications
- Supplies for your service animal

Find more disaster preparedness tips at
FloridaDisaster.org

Watches & Warnings

Listen closely to instructions from local officials on TV, radio, cell phones or other computers for instructions from local officials. Evacuate if told to do so.

WATCHES:

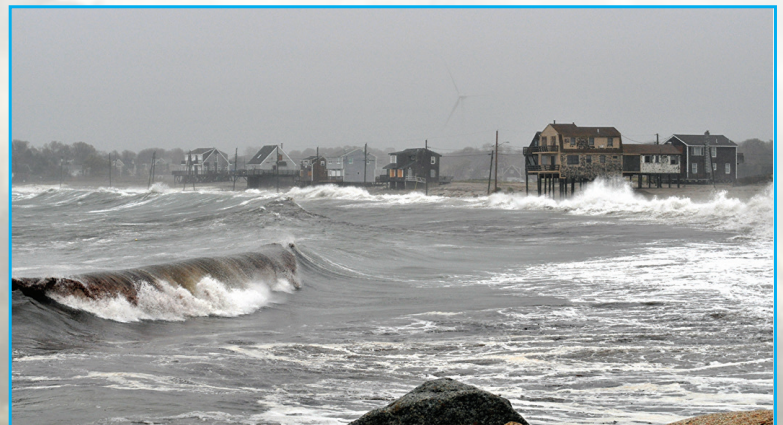
- ✓ **Hurricane Watch:** Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are possible within your area. Because it may not be safe to prepare for a hurricane once winds reach tropical storm force, the NHC issues hurricane watches 48 hours before it anticipates tropical-storm-force winds.
- ✓ **Tropical Storm Watch:** Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours.
- ✓ **Storm Surge Watch:** The possibility of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 48 hours.

WARNINGS:

- ✓ **Hurricane Warning:** Hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or greater) are expected somewhere within the specified area. NHC issues a hurricane warning 36 hours in advance of tropical-storm-force winds to give you time to complete your preparations.
- ✓ **Tropical Storm Warning:** Tropical storm conditions (sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph) are expected within your area within 36 hours.
- ✓ **Storm Surge Warning:** The danger of life-threatening inundation from rising water moving inland from the shoreline somewhere within the specified area, generally within 36 hours.
- ✓ **Extreme Wind Warning:** Extreme sustained winds of a major hurricane (115 mph or greater), usually associated with the eyewall, are expected to begin within an hour. Take immediate shelter in the interior portion of a well-built structure.

BEFORE A HURRICANE

- ✓ **Know your zone:** Do you live near the Gulf or Atlantic Coasts? Find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation area by contacting your local government/emergency management office.
- ✓ **Have a Family Emergency Plan:** Before an emergency happens, sit down with your family or close friends and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supplies kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.
- ✓ **Put Together an Emergency Supplies Kit:** Put together a basic disaster supplies kit and consider storage locations for different situations. Check emergency equipment, such as flashlights, generators and storm shutters. For a list of key items for your kit, see www.ready.gov/kit
- ✓ **Review Your Homeowners Insurance:** Review your insurance policy to ensure that you have adequate coverage for your home.
- ✓ **Understand NWS forecast products,** especially the meaning of NWS watches and warnings.



Scituate, Mass., Oct. 29, 2012 - The few summer homes left standing after the Perfect Storm in 1991, stand ready for the tidal surge that is still hours away. Photo by Marilee Caliendo / FEMA

DURING A HURRICANE

- ✓ **Secure your home:** Cover all of your home's windows. Permanent storm shutters offer the best protection for windows. A second option is to board up windows with 5/8 inch exterior grade or marine plywood, built to fit and ready to install. Buy supplies before the hurricane season rather than waiting for the pre-storm rush.
- ✓ **Stayed tuned in:** Check the websites of your local National Weather Service office and local government/emergency management office. Find out what type of emergencies could occur and how you should respond. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or other radio or TV stations for the latest storm news.
- ✓ **Follow instructions issued by local officials.** Leave immediately if ordered!

IF NOT ORDERED TO EVACUATE:

- ✓ **Take refuge in a small interior room,** closet or hallway on the lowest level during the storm. Put as many walls between you and the outside as you can.
- ✓ **Stay away from windows,** skylights and glass doors.
- ✓ **If the eye of the storm passes over your area,** there will be a short period of calm, but at the other side of the eye, the wind speed rapidly increases to hurricane-force winds coming from the opposite direction.

For more information, visit
www.weather.gov/hurricanesafety

AFTER A HURRICANE

- ✓ **Stay Informed:** Continue listening to a NOAA Weather Radio or the local news for the latest updates. If you evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe.
- ✓ **Stay Alert:** Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges. If you must go out, watch for fallen objects in the road, downed electrical wires, and weakened walls, bridges, roads and sidewalks that might collapse.
- ✓ **Assess the Damage:** Walk carefully around the outside of your home to check for loose power lines, gas leaks and structural damage.

STAY SAFE:

- ✓ **Stay out of any building if you smell gas,** if floodwaters remain around the building or if the building or home was damaged by fire and the authorities have not declared it safe.
- ✓ **Carbon monoxide poisoning** is one of the leading causes of death after storms in areas dealing with power outages. Never use a portable generator inside your home or garage.
- ✓ **Use battery-powered flashlights.** Do NOT use candles. Turn on your flashlight before entering a vacated building. The battery could produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present.








Mantoloking, N.J., Nov. 5, 2012 - This house was destroyed by the storm surge of Hurricane Sandy. FEMA

Hurricane Season Preparedness

Sign up for Emergency Alerts from local agencies to get the latest information during a hurricane:

- **Melbourne Beach Police** (Nixle Alerts): <https://www.melbournebeachfl.org/police-department/pages/get-nixle-alerts>
- **Brevard County** (AlertBrevard): <https://www.brevardfl.gov/EmergencyManagement/AlertSignup>
- **City of Melbourne** (CodeRED; includes water service alerts): <https://www.melbourneflorida.org/departments/public-works-utilities/sign-up-for-codered>

Hurricane wind scale: What 1 to 5 looks like

	Category	Winds (MPH)
	1	74 to 95
	2	96 to 110
	3	111 to 129
	4	130 to 156
	5	157 or higher



Melbourne Beach Police Department

Welcome Back, Jet Stars!

Welcome back, Gemini Jet Stars 2023-2024.

We also want to welcome our new School Resource Officer, John Sullivan.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy school year!

Please visit us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Melbournebeachpolice/>

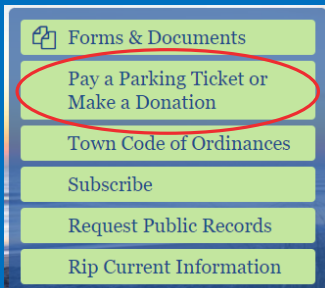


All Parking Passes Expire December 31st!

We are moving to an annual renewal system.

New resident parking passes will be available starting November 1st.

Please bring your vehicle registration when picking up your parking pass.



You can pay parking tickets online at melbournebeachfl.org

To get started, simply click on the “Pay Parking Ticket” link on the left side of the screen.

International Coastal Cleanup and Butterfly Garden Maintenance

We had a great turnout for the Annual International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and Keep Brevard Beautiful. Over 35 volunteers showed up eager to clean our beaches and Ocean Park. Westshore Jr./Sr. High students were out in full force along with Health First Employee Club, local residents, EAB members, Jamie Guth and Leslie Maloney, and Cub Scouts. Over 40 buckets of trash (approximately 200 pounds) were picked up.

During the cleanup, Crystal and Chuck Cain also weeded, put down mulch, and planted new native plants in the Butterfly Garden at the Library. Volunteers from the cleanup helped in the effort as well. The Native Plant Butterfly Garden has now matured and is visited everyday by numerous species of butterflies and pollinators.



Did You Know?

1. Ocean Park’s parking meters generated \$223,584 in revenue from 2021 to present.
2. Ryckman Park’s parking meters generated \$190,790 in revenue from 2021 to present.
3. Ryckman Park revenues have paid for: free weekly yoga, Tai Chi and Qigong classes, children’s My Musical Tree class, refurbishing the dolphin carving, installation of new decorative traffic signs and poles, Town banners, the installation of two wooden walkways and a coquina pathway through the park, sod installation throughout the park, and repairs to the Old Post Office, including new windows and the installation of historic photographs. Revenue from this Fund has also been transferred into the Beautification Fund, which is completely funded through parking revenues.
4. Ocean Park revenues have paid for: employee salaries and benefits, grounds maintenance, electricity, water, parking lot repairs, banking fees, life guard fees, engineering services, volleyball upgrades (including regulation volleyball sand), janitorial services, sod, native plantings, and the new Ocean Park boardwalk. Revenues that are not expended in the fiscal year that they are earned roll back into the same fund to cover expenses for the following year.

Annual Ad Valorem Taxes Paid by Resident Households and Business in 2021

No Taxes:	53*
\$1.00-\$999	685
\$1,000-\$1,999	602
\$2,000-\$2,999	192
\$3,000-\$3,999	58
\$4,000-\$4,999	22
\$5,000-\$5,999	12
\$6,000-\$12,999	13
\$13,000-\$15,000	1
Total Households & Businesses	1,638

*Includes town properties, churches, library and post office. 18 trusts and individuals pay no tax.

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 11:00 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 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:30 am - 11:15 am
- Self-Guided Outdoor Native Garden at 2373 Oak St.

Town of Melbourne Beach Parks Board

Veterans Day Assembly

Saturday, November 11th
9:00 am - 11:00 am



Ryckman Park Pavilion

Free coffee and donuts will be provided

2024 Millage Rate & Ad Valorem Taxes

FY2024 PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

City	Proposed	Current	Rollback	Population	Ad Valorem Taxes
West Melbourne	1.9948	2.1186	1.9948	28,860	\$ 5,261,400
Cape Canaveral	3.5716	3.4322	3.2125	9,988	\$ 6,450,333
Melbourne Beach	4.5700	4.5800	4.1756	3,237	\$ 2,685,662
Brevard County	4.6383	4.9777	4.6383	1,966,381	\$ 186,037,616
Indian Harbour Bch.	5.5449	5.5628	5.1104	8,978	\$ 7,024,792
Rockledge	5.5500	5.8200	5.2953	28,490	\$ 12,198,075
Indialantic	5.9810	5.9475	5.4381	2,998	\$ 3,585,862
Cocoa Beach	6.1644	6.1644	5.6338	11,385	\$ 16,100,474
Melbourne	6.5466	6.7490	6.1805	87,007	\$ 47,887,853
Titsville	6.7945	6.9812	6.3521	49,423	\$ 20,586,748
Cocoa	6.9532	6.4532	5.8285	19,892	\$ 10,642,031
Palm Bay	7.5995	7.5995	6.8183	126,754	\$ 55,922,326
Satellite Beach	8.2000	8.2312	7.5243	11,393	\$ 11,673,563

FY2023 ADOPTED

Population *	Ad Valorem Taxes
28,860	\$ 5,261,400
9,988	\$ 5,576,782
3,237	\$ 2,418,002
1,966,381	\$ 176,036,025
8,978	\$ 6,488,030
28,490	\$ 11,432,637
2,998	\$ 3,092,048
11,385	\$ 16,038,725
87,007	\$ 44,190,090
49,423	\$ 18,715,460
19,892	\$ 8,438,570
126,754	\$ 46,381,681
11,393	\$ 10,669,044

Save Our Homes

The Florida Constitution was amended effective January 1, 1995, to limit annual increases in assessed value of property with Homestead Exemption to three percent or the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower. No assessment, though, shall exceed current fair market value. This limitation applies only to property value, not property taxes.

If a property owner applies for and receives Homestead Exemption for 2023, the Assessed Value will be capped in 2024. When determining Taxable Value, exemptions are subtracted from the Assessed Value to reach a Taxable Value. The Taxable Value is then multiplied by the annual Millage Rate to determine the amount of tax due.

A change in property ownership will effectively “reset” the Capped Value to full market value. The increase due to the removal of the Cap may double or even triple taxes, depending on how long the previous owner had homestead exemption. The table below illustrates this.

The cap does not apply to properties that are not homesteaded or are rented. Multi-family properties may qualify based on percentage of use. For example, if you own a duplex, live in one half and rent the other half to a tenant, only 1/2 of your property value will be capped.

How the Cap Works When a Property Sells:

	Previous Cap	1st Year SOH:	2nd Year SOH:
Just Value	\$150,000	\$160,000	\$170,000
Assessed Value	*\$97,000	\$160,000	**\$162,240
Less Exemptions	- \$50,000	- \$50,000	- \$50,000
Taxable Value	\$47,000	\$110,000	\$112,240

*(For this example, the previous owner's Assessed Value has been capped for several years and is therefore significantly lower than the current Just/Market Value.)

** (For this example, Property is capped at 1.4%, cap Rate for 2021.)

Save Our Homes Annual Increase:

Year	CPI*	Cap
2022	7.0%	3.0%
2021	1.4%	1.4%
2020	2.3%	2.3%

*CPI = Consumer Price Index

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	6:00 pm	Community Center
Historical Preservation and Awareness Board	Second Tuesday	4:30 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	Masny Room
Police Pension Fund	March, June, Sept., Dec.	5:30 pm	Masny Room

Town Commission Meeting Highlights

June 28, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Presented a proclamation recognizing May 23rd through May 26th, 2023 as National Safe Boating Week.
- Approved the 2023-2024 Fire Rescue Dispatch Services Interlocal Agreement in the amount of \$5,600.00.
- Approved the Chief of Police job description.
- Approved the Building Official being able to sign off on all site plans except for commercial, multi-family, new single family construction, and exterior remodels exceeding 50% of the home value which would all go to the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for posting legal notices on Brevard County’s publicly accessible website.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the 2023-2024 School Resource Officer.

July 19, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Presented a proclamation recognizing Bruce Morgan as the Citizen of the Year.
- Approved adding a discussion for a designated bike lane on Riverside Dr to the repaving project.
- Approved a proposal from Pure Maintenance of Florida for mold remediation in the Community Center in the amount of \$3,850.00.
- Approved the Town Attorney to amend the binding lot agreement with Djon’s to move the parking lot to the lot adjacent to the business.
- Approved putting a Veterans Memorial at Circle Park.

August 16, 2023 – Regular Town Commission Meeting

- Approved a Mayoral endorsement for the HELPER Act (Home for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder)
- Approved a proposal from KSM Engineering and Testing for geotechnical engineering services for the feasibility of the swale being converted into a skate park in the amount of \$1,200.00.
- Approved a proposal from Kane Surveying to survey the proposed location for the skate park in the amount of \$1,800.00.
- Approved Resolution 2023-02 Budget Amendment related to the use of all carry forward balances.

August 23, 2023 – Special Town Commission Meeting

- Confirmed the qualified Commission candidates and ordered the names to be printed on the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election Ballot. For Mayor: Joyce Barton and Alison “Al” Dennington. For Commissioner: Jason Judge and Adam Meyer.