

# BEACH COMBER



*Town of* MELBOURNE BEACH *Florida*



**Melbourne Beach  
Volunteer Fire Dept**

## Haunted House

**Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-9:00 PM**

MBVFD Fire Station on Ocean Ave  
kids encouraged to wear costumes

Our Public Works guys have kicked it up a notch with their work on the pavilion in Ryckman Park. It was in very sad shape due to vandalism and general wear and tear. Most of the supporting posts were rotten, which wasn't noticed until the wood facing was removed, the railings were missing or rotten and the entire structure needed a facelift. The Town budgeted \$20,000 for the pavilion and replacement was considered. HOWEVER, replacing any part of the structure was prohibitively expensive so the public works guys went to plan bravo. Remember the \$20,000 budgeted amount? Our guys spent \$5,800 for materials and did all the work themselves. All that's remaining is for the structure to be pressure washed and stained. The project is almost finished so stop by to check it out.

Other projects being worked on include bike racks at each cross-over, new pillars at the Ryckman Park bathrooms, new water fountains at Ocean Park and the list goes on. Thanks to Tom, Brian, Sean and Greg.

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Many thanks go to Bill Osmun of Surfside Pavers (<https://www.surfsidepavers.com/>). He very generously donated labor and materials for a sidewalk at Old Town Hall. It was very well done and is BEAUTIFUL!!! Don't forget, Old Town Hall is open on Saturdays from 10am—3pm.



After 18 years of sitting on the History Center Board, Sheryl Alberga has decided to move on to her next adventure; Laurie Simmons has taken over as the new chairwoman. Thanks to both gals who have given so much of themselves to keep Melbourne Beach a wonderful place to live.

# ELECTION 2018

**Melbourne Beach had an unusual situation this year because our Vice Mayor resigned prior to qualifying. So, in addition to having the expected two seats open, we had another seat to fill but it was only to complete the Vice Mayor's term which is one year. The Commission decided against appointing somebody to the Board for a few months and chose instead to open qualifying to candidates wanting to serve for one year. After all was said and done we have the following fine line-up of candidates:**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b><u>3 year term</u></b> | <b><u>1 year term</u></b> |
| <b>Sherri Quarrie</b>     | <b>Corey Runte</b>        |
| <b>Steve Walters</b>      | <b>Kate Wilborn</b>       |
| <b>Joyce Barton</b>       |                           |
| <b>Libby Brown-Brock</b>  |                           |

**VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH!**

### *Have you begun composting?*

*If not, there's no time like the present to begin. To get started, send an email to Scott Parker at [gearth-compost@gmail.com](mailto:gearth-compost@gmail.com) and include your name and address. If you need a bucket, he will provide one and on Thursday's, the contents will be collected*

### *Scott's compost report for August:*

*Collected 2053 lbs of valuable food waste from 52 families. In the first 4 months of the compost pilot program, Melbourne Beach has kept 4721 lbs of food waste out of the landfill, prevented 3965 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from entering the atmosphere and sequestered 2360 lbs of carbon in the soil.*



After being battered by 2 hurricanes, the Melbourne Beach pier has been completely rehabbed and is looking great. There's an official ribbon cutting on Wednesday, October 17th at 5:30 p.m.





## Message from Melbourne Beach Police Department Crosswalk Safety & Bicycle Safety Tips

Whether you walk, bike or drive take 5 seconds to follow crosswalk safety guidelines.

### PEDESTRAINS:

- **Always** cross at marked crosswalks. You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.
- Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing. Using an orange crossing walk flag should be used as an extra tool for visibility.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver to be sure they see you before you cross.
- Look before walking past stopped vehicles. Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.
- Refer to F.S.S. 316.130

### BICYCLISTS:

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Use marked bike paths.
- Obey vehicular traffic signals (STOP SIGNS) and laws on the roadways, including wearing a helmet.
- Use extra caution as you transition between bike paths, roads, and sidewalks.

### DRIVERS:

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks.
- Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders that approach crosswalks.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

Stay Safe! Chief Melanie Griswold

Since we last met, there have been some changes in our Police Department, namely:

- Officer Alex Vila is now Melbourne Beach's School Resource Officer at Gemini Elementary
- Nathaniel Bramblett is a new police officer in Town. Nate graduated from Eastern Florida State College Public Safety Police Academy in 2017 and is continuing his education in criminal justice with a goal of achieving his master's degree.
- After passing a grueling exam and oral board, Corporal Steven Kino is now Sergeant Steven Kino

Jobs well done, guys!!!

# Upcoming Town Meetings

Meeting	Dates	Time	Location
Town Hall Closed - Holiday	November 22 & 23, December 24 & 25		
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	October 2, November 6, December 4	7:00 p.m.	Community Ctr
Town Commission Workshop	October 3, November 7, December 5	6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
History Center Board Meeting	October 4, November 8, December 6	5:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall
Parks Board Meeting	October 10, November 14, December 12	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Historic Preservation & Awareness	October 9, November 13, December 11	4:30 p.m.	Ryckman House
Town Commission Regular Meeting	October 17, November 21, December 19	6:30 p.m.	Community Ctr.
Environmental Advisory Board	October 24, November 28	7:00 p.m.	own Hall
Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.	Every Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
AA	Every Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall
Beach Gardeners of Mel Beach	October 16, November 20, December 18	6:30 p.m.	Community Center



Tom Davis  
Public Works Supervisor

## Welcome New Employees!!



Maddison Mercer  
Deputy Town Clerk



Nate Bramblett  
Police Officer

Who carved these dolphins? If you know, please contact Town Hall.

Public Works took action to restore the deteriorating dolphin carving in Ryckman Park . Even if they weren't able to bring it back to its former glory, they did stop any further damage. The tree trunk was sanded and sealed and it's looking really great!!! Stop by and see it for yourself.

