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In 2008 the Town of Melbourne Beach acquired a grant from the State of Florida to construct a barrier-free beach access at Ocean Park. The development was completed in the spring of 2011; however, at the time it was required to be built without the familiar ocean overlook. In 2012, after the passing of Mayor Rita Karpie the Town received permission from the State of Florida to assemble a scenic overlook adjacent to the barrier-free beach access ramp. This effort had been a particularly special venture to Mayor Karpie and other citizens. With the assistance in fund raising from Melbourne Beach citizens Diana Beacham and April Evans and in conjunction with Rita's brothers: James, Mike, and Ed, and her sister Ivy; enough private funds were secured to erect this highly functional memorial in the name of Mayor Rita Karpie. The above plaque is the final touch to this special improvement to Ocean Park.

Helping Hands . . .

On Thursday September 19, 2013, a group of young women and men Missionaries from the Latter Day Saints, who emanate from all over the Country, came to Melbourne Beach and spent a Day of Community Service painting several facilities within the Town. The Ryckman House and the Ocean Park Bathhouse both have fresh new coats of paint compliments of these energetic young people. It was a truly rewarding experience to share some time with them and to learn about their experiences. Additionally, they helped spruce up the grounds and parking area at Ocean Park.

On behalf of the Town Commission, citizens, and the Town staff, we cannot express enough appreciation for their efforts.



Freshly painted Ocean Park Bathhouse



Ryckman House gets fresh paint

A sincere thanks



To this great group for a job well done!

**For more information about the Ryckman House, please
contact the Town of Melbourne Beach Town Hall or the
Historical Preservation and Awareness Board at
(321) 724-5860**

**Melbourne Beach Green Team
“Team Up To Clean Up”**

The Melbourne Beach Environmental Advisory Board would like to invite members of the community to form “Green Teams” in an effort to promote community enhancement, encourage awareness of environmental issues and create opportunities for social fellowship. What better way to invest in YOUR community. Green Teams participate in outdoor service projects one Saturday or Sunday each month for two to three hours. Each team adopts a public area such as the beach access at the end of Avenue A and provides hands-on labor to clean debris away, tree and bush trimming, planting flowers and trees and general maintenance in order to enhance the area for all to enjoy.

Getting started is as easy as:

- Organize for success by getting 3-4 people to start a “Green Team”. Do not worry, others will follow.
- Choose a public area which your team would like to invest in.
- Establish goals and plans to enhance and maintain the area.
- Communicate your goals and plan to all team members.
- Put your goals and plan into play through action.

Now let the fun and pride begin! It’s that easy. So join with your neighbors and friends and take pride in keeping Melbourne Beach clean and green all year round.

Don’t forget high school students!

They need volunteer hours for the Community Involvement Hours requirement for graduation? The Melbourne Beach Green Team, “Team Up to Clean Up” program is a great way to earn volunteer hours while helping the environment and your neighborhood.

Melbourne Beach Public Works Department can help support your Green Team by providing rakes, shovels, trimmers and the like, if necessary.

There are many good reasons to conduct and sustain a community clean-up effort. A well implemented clean-up campaign can improve the physical community and creates a more pleasant place to live, but also creates a good impression on prospective employers, professionals, and others who visit our community.

So what are you waiting for...GO GREEN TODAY and volunteer to be a Green Team Leader!

If you would like to start a Green Team, contact Dan Rocque, Director of Public Works, at drocque@melbournebeachfl.org. Don’t wait...”Team Up To Clean Up”

Brevard County Solid Waste Management

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

To protect the natural environmental systems in Brevard County, it is important that we prevent illicit discharges and improper disposal of household chemical and electronic products. The Solid Waste Management Department operates three permanent facilities where these materials may be delivered. Brevard County residents may take accepted items from non-business activities to one of the household hazardous waste (HHW) collection centers for safe disposal at no cost. Proof of residency may be required.

Please note: Containers larger than 5 gallons will not be accepted

Guidelines

Keep products in original labeled container

Do Not mix chemicals together

Place leaky containers in clear plastic bags

Pack in sturdy boxes and use newspaper to prevent breakage

Put boxes in the trunk or the back of the vehicle away from passengers

Cover battery terminals with heavy tape (place individual lead or rechargeable batteries in plastic bags.) Keep products in original labeled container

Hazardous products around the home

In the Garage	In the Yard	In the House
Paint	Fertilizers	Aerosol sprays
Auto fluids/oil	Fungicides	Drain cleaner
Roof coatings	Insecticides/pesticides	Electronics
Lighter fluid	Pool cleaning products	Fluorescent lamps/CFL's
Auto/Boat batteries	Propane Tanks	Thermometers
Gasoline	Rat Poison	Rechargeable batteries

Collection Center Locations

***Sarno Landfill** 3379 Sarno Road, Melbourne

Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm

***Central Disposal Facility** 2250 Adamson Road, Cocoa

Monday - Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm

***Mockingbird Mulching Facility** 3600 South Street, Titusville

Monday - Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Courtesy of the Melbourne Beach Environmental Advisory Board

Ordinance No. 2010-03 Fertilizer
A Step to Help Save the Indian River Lagoon

The Town of Melbourne Beach adopted the above ordinance back in 2010 as a means of helping to protect the Indian River Lagoon. One of the major sources of pollution in surface and ground water is from nutrients, such as phosphorous and nitrogen, primarily elements found in fertilizer. In fact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) made a finding that excessive nutrients (total nitrogen and total phosphorus) constitute one of the most severe water quality problems facing the State of Florida. The nutrients contained in run off from fertilizers may cause algal blooms which can be toxic to the fish and other aquatic life in the lagoon.

The ordinance prohibits residents and Lawn Companies from fertilizing with nutrients during the time of a flood watch or warning, a tropical storm watch or warning, a hurricane watch or warning or if heavy rain is likely. In addition, no fertilizer shall be applied within 10 feet of a water body or a wetland area.

What can you do? Please talk to your lawn care provider and ensure they are not using any fertilizers that contain phosphorous and nitrogen during the above mentioned weather conditions. Liquid seaweed is an environmentally friendly alternative.

Courtesy of the Melbourne Beach Environmental Advisory Board



Telephone Scams:

Recently we have received several calls relating to telephone/e-mail scams that include individuals that call you and represent themselves as an agent for the Publishers Clearing House. These individuals are telling people that they have won the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes and in order to receive the large sum of money they must send several thousand dollars to the company for taxes and expenses. At this point "Stop, Think, and ask yourself this is too good to be true!". Also recently e-mail scams are becoming popular; Individuals want you to send them money because they had their possessions stolen and need money to get home. These individuals want you to send money to them via Western Union.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE POTENTIAL PHONE SCAMS:

Avoiding becoming a victim of telephone scams is really just a matter of "common sense". If the caller is making high pressure statements such as:

- ✦ "You have to act right now..."
- ✦ "You can't pass up on this zero risk investment"

"There's no time to contact your spouse/attorney/better business bureau..."

These and other high pressure tactics in order to extract information from you should be an immediate warning sign to just say "no" and hang up the phone. If the caller is from a legitimate company, they will have absolutely no problem with you taking the extra time to do your research and find out if they are in fact legitimate or not.

ADDITIONAL PREVENTION TIPS:

- ✦ Request the information in writing about any specific charity or offer. Review the material, but keep in mind that just because it's in writing doesn't make it true. Always do your homework on unknown companies. Contact your Better Business Bureau, Local Fraud Information Center, local consumer protection agencies, and any other applicable sources of information.
- ✦ Ask for your sales person's information. His name, his company, the company telephone number, mailing address, and business license information. Once this information is provided to you, verify that it is accurate. Many scammers will happily provide you with fake information.
- ✦ If you are being solicited to give money to charity, ask what percentage of your donation actually goes to the charity, and what percentage goes to administrative costs and other fees.
- ✦ Never act impulsively. Take the time to think about the offer, and make an informed decision. Making a decision on the fly is a recipe for disaster.
- ✦ If an offer sounds too good to be true it most likely is. People don't receive free money from the government without applying for a grant. People don't win lotteries that they never entered. If it sounds too good to be true, it's most likely a scam.
- ✦ Be extremely wary of giving important information out over the telephone. If the caller is asking for a credit card, bank account, social security number or any other important personal information, make absolutely sure that the caller is from a legitimate business before giving this information out.

If you believe that someone is attempting to defraud you, report it to us immediately.

CONCLUSION:

A little bit of common sense can go a long way in protecting yourself from becoming a victim of phone/e-mail scams. The next time you receive a phone call that sounds suspicious, stop and think to yourself. "What's going to be more difficult in the long run, taking the time to research this offer and company, or having my financial information or entire identity stolen?" The answer is clear. Take the extra time to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

Be Safe!

Chief Dan Duncan

Town of Melbourne Beach Elections are being held

Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Below is a list a of the Candidates and the office sought.

Mayor – Special Election (one seat) filling the unexpired one-year term expiring on 11/04/2014

Donnie L. Price
(321) 726-0823
pricebgb@aol.com

Jim Simmons
(321) 984-8357
jdsimm@aol.com

Commissioner-at-Large – Special Election (one seat) filling the unexpired two-year term expiring on 11/03/2015

James P. Flanagan
(321) 506-6489
jflanagan@cfl.rr.com

Sandy Wilson
(321) 768-2002
Sunwil410@cfl.rr.com

Commissioner-at-Large (2 seats) three year term expiring on 11/08/2016

Bruce Black
(321) 693-8055
Rycat376@gmail.com

Heather Devos Coalter
(321) 956-8117
hcoalter@mac.com

Margot Dorfman
(321) 914-3298
Margot.dorfman@zoho.com

Gail Gowdy
(321) 725-7074
wgowdy@bellsouth.net

John S. Gurecki, III
(321) 394-6564
John.s.gurecki@gmail.com

Stormwater Project:

The Pine Street Stormwater Project that began in June 2013 is scheduled to conclude on or by October 31, 2013. Staff understands that this event has been a huge inconvenience for many of our citizens; however, when it is complete it will achieve: 1) control of storm waters during rain events thereby decreasing water on citizen's property, 2) provide better water service to users as while the roadways were open Melbourne Water improved their water system, 3) treatment of rain water runoff prior to its entering the Indian River Lagoon, 4) replaces an aged roadway system. The Town funded 19% of the overall project costs, Melbourne Water is contributing 6%, and FEMA is providing subsidy for the remaining 75% of overall expenses. These type of partnerships have allowed the Town to greatly expand on the bond funding passed by the citizens in the 2008 stormwater referendum.

Stormwater:

A gentle reminder:

With all the efforts that the Town has undertaken to improve the Town's runoff into the Indian River Lagoon, we as good stewards of the community need to be aware what we and our landscapers are placing in the roadway and stormwater system including the stacking of yard debris on top of stormwater structures, that eventually runs off into the lagoon. Please refer to the attached Town Ordinances:

Chapter 27, Article II, Sections 27-28. Regarding "Illicit/Illegal Discharges.

No person shall throw, drain. Or otherwise discharge, cause, or allow others under its control to throw, drain, or otherwise discharge into the municipal separate storm sewer systems any pollutants or waters containing any pollutants, other than storm water, whether such discharges occur through piping connections, runoff, exfiltration, infiltration, seepage, or leaks."

§ 27-58. MANAGEMENT OF GRASS CLIPPINGS AND VEGETATIVE MATTER.

In no case shall grass clippings, vegetative material, and/or vegetative debris, either intentionally or accidentally, be washed, swept, or blown off into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, wetlands, or sidewalks or roadways. (Ord. 2010-03, adopted 4-21-10) Penalty, see § [1-99](#)

These discharges include: lawn clippings, leaves, branches, and the like.

If you observe a neighbor or their lawn service, blowing clippings into the streets, canals, or waterways, or piling yard waste/debris in the street or on stormwater structures, please remind them not to do so.

Code Enforcement:

Corner clearance: Citizens who is landscaping is overgrown and blocking the view of pedestrians, bicyclists, or vehicle operators can expect to receive letters from the Town within the next month directing to bring their property into compliance with the ordinance attached and to trim these obstructions back on the right-of-way. If compliance is not obtained, property owners can expect that the Public Works Department will do the work and we will be unable to guarantee that the result will be in the same pristine condition as the citizen would prefer.

Property maintenance:**§ 49-21. DUTY OF PROPERTY OWNERS NOT TO PERMIT ACCUMULATIONS OF GARBAGE AND WEEDS ON LAND.**

Any person owning or controlling any lot or acreage within the town is prohibited from permitting the accumulation of garbage or trash thereon. Further, any person owning or controlling any lot or acreage on which any structure is located is prohibited from permitting the growth or accumulation of weeds or underbrush thereon above the height of one foot, except as specifically protected by state or federal law.

(75 Code, § 12-16) (Ord. 87-08, passed 8-25-87)

§ 7A-67. TRAILERS, BOATS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

(a) General parking restrictions. Trailers, boats and recreational vehicles which do not exceed 26 feet in overall length may be parked, stored or stopped on any lot in the town provided the following provisions are complied with:

(1) Such trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles, or any combinations thereof, shall not be used for residential, office or commercial purposes.

(2) Such trailers, boats and recreational vehicles, or any combinations thereof, shall not be connected in any manner to utilities, except for the purpose of charging batteries thereon. The use of trailers and recreational vehicles for sleeping, housekeeping or living quarters while so parked shall not be permitted.

(3) Such trailers, boats and recreational vehicles shall be located to the rear of the front building line and in no event, less than 25 feet from the front lot line, except for purposes of loading and unloading for reasonable periods of time. Additionally, on any corner lot, no trailer, boat or recreational vehicle shall be located in front of the building line of any side of the structure which abuts a street, unless the boat, trailer or recreational vehicle is sheltered from view.

(4) Such trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles shall not be parked on any part of the road right-of-way.

(5) Such trailers, if collapsible, shall be parked or stored in a collapsed condition only.

(6) The sites upon which such trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles are parked shall be well-kept and free from weeds and other growth.

(7) Any deviations from the provisions of this subsection:

- (a) shall be by special permit issued by the Town Commission setting forth the specific use to be made and the term of such use.
- (b) Parking cargo trailers restricted. Cargo trailers shall not be parked in the town, except for purposes of loading and unloading for reasonable periods of time, unless stored fully within a garage, carport or fenced yard.
- (c) Temporary parking; placement, storage, or parking on vacant lots.
 - (1) Parking trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles on residential lots prohibited, with exceptions. Trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles which exceed 26 feet in overall length, whether powered or unpowered, shall not be parked, stored, or placed on any residential lot located within the town except for purposes of active loading and delivery. Said period of active loading and unloading shall not exceed two six-hour periods in any seven consecutive day period.
 - (2) No trailer, boat, recreational vehicle, or camper, regardless of size, may be parked, placed, or stored on any vacant lot. No trailer, boat, recreational vehicle, or camper, regardless of size, may be used as a place to live, temporarily or permanently, on any vacant lot. For the purposes of this paragraph, a **VACANT LOT** is a lot without a structure used as a principal permitted use or use for which a special exception has been issued.

(Ord. 87-02, passed 5-12-87; Am. Ord. 2009-07, adopted 8-19-09)

RECENT TOWN COMMISSION ACTIONS:

September 4, 2013 Special Town Commission Budget Meeting, the Commission took the following actions:

- The tentative General Fund operating levy of Ad Valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 of 4.0008 mills.
- The tentative levy of Debt Service for Stormwater System and Street Improvements for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 of 0.9999 mills.
- The tentative levy of Debt Service for the Melbourne Beach Public Library for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 of 0.1808 mills.
- Preliminary approval of the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.
- Adopted the Stormwater Utility Assessment Roll
- Approved the Stormwater Utility Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

September 18, 2013 Regular Town Commission Meeting, the Commission took the following actions:

- Approved eighteen sets of minutes
- Special Event Permit for the Brevard County Symphony 5-K Run scheduled for 1/04/2014.

Approved the permit for the Iceman's Ball to be held on, 10/12/2013.

Re-appointed David Wildman to the Board of Adjustment

Took no action on the re-appointment of James Flanagan to the Planning and Zoning Board

Took no action of the appointment of April Evans as an alternant to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Approved at residential site plan for 217 Third Avenue

Held a second and final Public Hearing for Ordinance 2013-05 regarding drive thru, drive-in, and drive up. The ordinance passed 3-0.

Held a Public Hearing on Resolution 2013-08 Establishing fees for the Town. The Resolution passed 3-0.

Took no action on the Town Clerk's position.

Deferred action on the Town Planner's cost regarding 7A-50 until after a new Town Commission is seated.

Approved the use of Town facilities at a cost of \$4,800 for the next seven months.

Approved the Environmental Advisory Board's request to search and apply for grants.

Approved the audit engagement letter with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, LLC

Approved the Town manager to be the Town's representative to the Transportation Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee.

Approved a Letter of Understanding between the Town and Brevard County Schools in the event of a disaster.

September 23, 2013 Special Town Commission Budget Hearing, the Town Commission took the following actions:

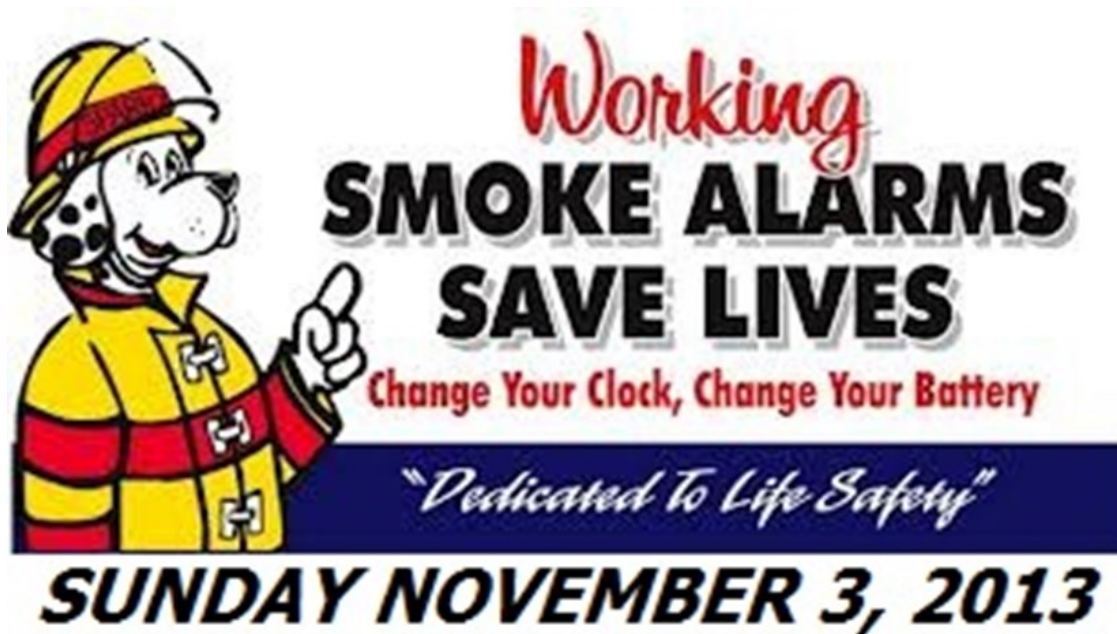
Adopted by a 3-0 vote the General Fund operating levy of Ad Valorem taxes for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 of 4.0008 mills.

Adopted by a 3-0 vote the levy of Debt Service for Stormwater System and Street Improvements for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 of 0.9999 mills.

Adopted by a 3-0 vote the levy of Debt Service for the Melbourne Beach Public Library for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 of 0.1808 mills.

Gave final approval to the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan by a vote of 3-0.

Adopted the Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Town Holiday Schedule by a 3-0 Vote



The Melbourne Beach Vol. Fire Department encourages everyone, remember to have smoke detectors in all bedrooms and hallways, and that when you change your clock, change your batteries in your smoke detectors.

REMEMBER, SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!

Melbourne Beach Fire Department, 505 Ocean Avenue, Melbourne Beach, Florida 32951

321-724-1736




MELBOURNE BEACH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

December 14
Registration begins at 8 A.M.
Parade starts at 9 A.M.

507 Ocean Ave., Melbourne Beach, FL

Established in 1966, the annual Children's Parade has been sponsored by the Melbourne Beach Vol. Fire Department Inc. A fun event for all ages, join us for refreshments, visit with Santa and much more.

 For further questions and information call Fire Station 58 at 321-724-1736

**Merry Christmas from all of us at the Melbourne Beach
Fire Department**



Town Activities or Events

October 2013

- 10/01/13 Planning & Zoning Board - Community Center 7 PM
- 10/03/2013 Code Enforcement Board - CANCELLED
- 10/08/2013 Historical Preservation and Awareness Board - Masny Room 4:30 PM
- 10/09/2013 Parks Board - Masny Room 7 PM
- 10/16/2013 Regular Town Commission - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 10/17/2013 Board of Adjustment - CANCELLED
- 10/23/2013 Environmental Advisory Board - Masny Room 7 PM

November 2013

- 11/07/2013 Code Enforcement Board - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 11/09/2013 Space Coast Classic 15K
- 11/12/2013 Historical Preservation and Awareness Board - Masny Room 4:30 PM
- 11/13/2013 Parks Board - Masny Room 7 PM
- *11/18/2013 Planning & Zoning Board - Community Center 7 PM
- 11/20/2013 Regular Town Commission - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 11/21/2013 Board of Adjustment - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 11/27/2013 Environmental Advisory Board - CANCELLED
- 11/28/2013 6th Annual Get up, Gather & Groove 5K Run

December

- 12/03/2013 Planning & Zoning Board - Community Center 7 PM
- 12/05/2013 Code Enforcement Board - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 12/10/2013 Historical Preservation and Awareness Board - Masny Room 4:30 PM
- 12/11/2013 Parks Board - Masny Room 7 PM
- 12/12/2013 Christmas Tree Lighting Starts at**
- 12/14/2013 Christmas Parade Starts at 9 AM**
- 12/18/2013 Regular Town Commission - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 12/19/2013 Board of Adjustment - Community Center 6:30 PM
- 12/25/2013 Environmental Advisory Board - CANCELLED

***Denotes change in regularly scheduled meeting**

The public is encouraged to attend meetings!