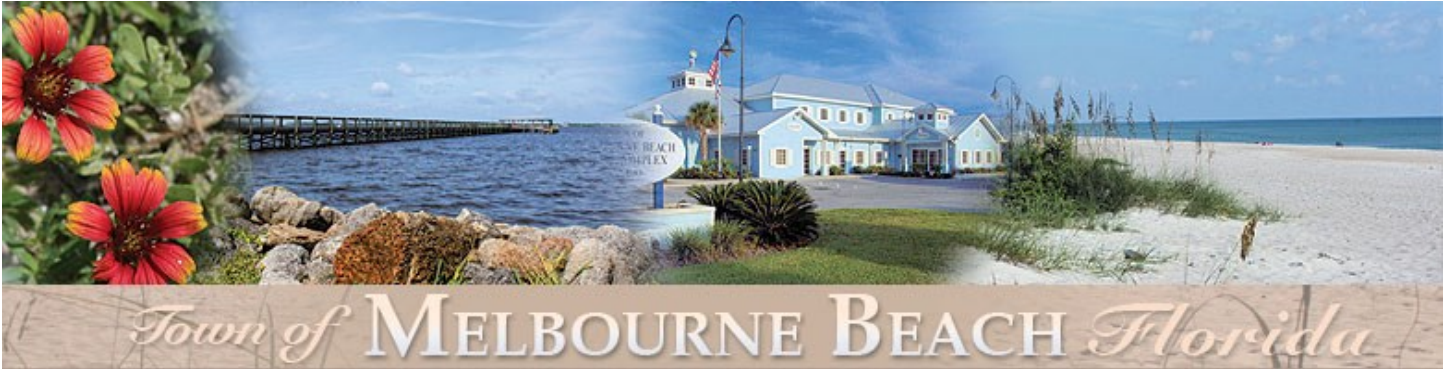


# BEACH COMBER



## Vacancies

The Town Clerk is currently accepting letters of interest for citizens interested in serving on the Town Commission. During the candidate qualifying period, only one candidate turned in a qualifying package to serve on the Town Commission, and there were two seats to fill. Mr. Steve Walters qualified to fill the first seat (Congratulations Steve!), and the Town Commission will now need to appoint a qualified elector to fill the second seat beginning in November. Interested citizens should contact the Town Clerk at:

[townclerk@melbournebeachfl.org](mailto:townclerk@melbournebeachfl.org) or stop by Town Hall by the end of October. Remember: there will be no Town election this November!

The Town also has several Board/Committee vacancies:

Board of Adjustment	1 member & 1 alternate member
Civil Service Board	1 member & 2 alternate members
Environmental Advisory	1 alternate member
Historical Preservation	2 members
History Center Board	1 member & 1 alternate member
Parks Board	1 alternate member
Planning & Zoning	2 alternate members

Interested citizens should stop by Town Hall and see the Town Clerk, or visit the Town website at [www.melbournebeachfl.org](http://www.melbournebeachfl.org). The volunteer application is located on the Boards/Committees page.

## REMOVAL OF TREES IN MELBOURNE BEACH

Remember, per 9A-4 of the Town Code of Ordinances, a tree removal permit is required to remove any tree (over 2 inches in diameter measured at 6 inches above grade) from your property. Please contact Town Hall if you plan on removing trees.

## Beach & River Cleanup



On Saturday, September 19th, the Melbourne Beach Environmental Advisory Board hosted a beach and river cleanup. Plenty of people volunteered to remove approximately 400 lbs. of trash from the beach, river and park. It's amazing how much trash is left behind in our wonderful town. Keep Brevard Beautiful provided T-shirts and the Town of Melbourne Beach had refreshments and snacks on hand. The event was a big success and a lot of fun. Thank you to all who participated!

If you are interested in keeping our wonderful town and Brevard beautiful, please contact the Town of Melbourne Beach. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and give back to the community. The Environmental Advisory Board will host a Trash Bash in April 2016 and we would love to see everyone come out.

# ***MBVFD Firefighter of the Month Spotlight***

*“Get to know the people that help protect your town”*

**Name:** Gavin Brown

**Rank:** Lieutenant/EMT, Training Officer

**Serving Since:** 2006



**Why did you join the MBVFD:** Ever since I was a child, I had always known that I wanted to be a firefighter when I grew up. My mother was a Vol. Firefighter here with Melbourne Beach, and I officially joined the Dept. the day I turned 18, while still in high school. I guess the real reason I joined is because I like to help people and it's a cool feeling to know that you are the person that someone calls in their worst hour when they desperately need help.

**Hobbies:** Cooking, Shooting, Firefighting Events, & relaxing at the beach.

**Favorite MBVFD Training:** I think my favorite training so far would have to be going to the burn building. Its fun to feel the heat and to be able to train with other local agencies. Cutting up cars is fun also though.

**Favorite Foods:** Sushi, Publix Subs, Pizza, Chinese food, Fish, & steak.

**Favorite Movies/Books:** I like most of the books by James Patterson, and as far as movies go, I like them all as long as they have a good story line.

**What is your signature dish when cooking:** I would have to say my signature dish would either be honey walnut shrimp sushi or seafood pasta.

**Most memorable call with the MBVFD:** I think my most memorable call would have to be a vehicle accident a while back. I just happened to be driving by right after the accident happened, so I was the first on scene. There wound up being a seriously injured child who I helped and I coordinated the responding MBVFD fire crew setting up a landing zone for the medical helicopter to take the patient to a specialty children's hospital in Orlando. It felt like we really made a difference for that call.

**Future Goals:** My future goals are to buy a house here locally in Melbourne Beach and to get a job locally as a Firefighter or a Public Safety Officer.

**Best advice you have ever received:** In fire school we had an instructor who would tell us that "slow is smooth, and smooth is fast". It basically means to slow down, do things correctly the first time, when you rush you make mistakes, and mistakes cost you. It makes sense and it will save you time in the long run.

## **Did You Know?**

The Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Department consists of 28 males and 2 females who volunteer between 400 and 500 hours per month, not including emergency calls! There is also a part-time equipment maintenance person on staff. Chief: Brian Simmons; Deputy Chief: Dave Micka; Assistant Chief: John Miller. In August 2015, 679 volunteer hours were calculated, not including emergency calls. The Fire Department is responsible for firefighting and marine rescue. In addition to these responsibilities, they also sponsor special events such as Easter Bunny in the Park, the 4th of July parade, and the Christmas Eve Santa Claus parade. All of these events require more volunteer hours from people who also have paying jobs.

Do you know a volunteer firefighter? Have you said "thank you" to the volunteers? Are you willing to be a volunteer? If you are unable to volunteer, please stop by the station and say "thank you" to those who are willing to risk their lives to save others. Donations are also greatly appreciated for equipment maintenance. ~Submitted by Pat Simmons



## Message from the Melbourne Beach Police Department

Save the date!! Saturday October 17, 2015 10:00am to noon at the Melbourne Beach Community Center

In 1984, the National Crime Prevention Council designated October Crime Prevention Month. Every year since then, government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations have reached out to educate the public, showcase their accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during this special month. Melbourne Beach Police Department will be displaying patrol vehicles, and handing out vital information on how to keep you and your family safe. Come meet and greet with your officers. Bring the kids and receive a goody bag. See ya then! For more information call 321-723-4343.

### Halloween Safety Tips

**Trick-or-Treaters:** Carry a flashlight; Walk, don't run; Stay on Sidewalks; Obey traffic signals and stop signs; Stay in familiar neighborhoods; Don't cut across yards or driveways; Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground; Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house; (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic; Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape; Approach only houses that are lit; Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

**Parents:** Make your child eat dinner before setting out; Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult; If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material; Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home; You should know where they're going; Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything; Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.



**Homeowners:** Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones; Pets get frightened on Halloween, put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater; Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to real flames; If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing; Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be micro waved later; Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins. **HAVE FUN & BE SAFE!** ~ Chief Dan Duncan



## TENNIS COURT GRAND RE-OPENING

Town of Melbourne Beach, Parks & Recreation Board  
and the Melbourne Beach Tennis Association (MBTA)  
Proudly Present the Grand Re-Opening Event  
of the Newly Refurbished Tennis Courts  
This is a Family Fun Time Event

This is a fun event to thank our donors, sponsors and raise funds for the Rykman Park tennis court improvements at the Ryckman Park Tennis Facility Courts in Melbourne Beach on October 17, 2015. Events include: Youth clinic (ages 5-15) and adult doubles round robin; Dedication ceremony; Meet the MBTA players, Town Officials and neighbors; See and play on the new courts; FREE snacks & beverages available. Non-players are welcome. Come support our tennis and park! Rackets and balls will be available for use by persons of all ages who are interested in learning how to play tennis.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Youth clinic conducted by local pros & student players
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	MBTA & Town Dedication Ceremony
12:30 pm - 01:00 pm	Pro exhibition match
01:00 pm - 03:00 pm	Adult doubles round robin tournament

Please visit the website at [www.melbournebeachfl.org](http://www.melbournebeachfl.org) to download the sign-up sheet if you're interested in participating in the tournaments, or stop by Town Hall.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### October & November



<u>Meeting / Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
History Center Board Meeting	Oct 1 & Nov 5	5:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall
Code Enforcement Board Meeting	Oct 1 & Nov 5	6:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Sea Turtle Preservation Society Meeting	Oct 1 & Nov 5	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
South Beaches Coalition Meeting	Oct 5 & Nov 2	4:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	Oct 6 & Nov 3	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
Town Commission Workshop	Oct 7 & Nov 4	5:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Blood Mobile	Oct 10	9 a.m.—Noon	Town Hall
Ryckman House Open House	Oct 10	10—3	Ryckman House
Historical Preservation & Awareness Board	Oct 13 & Nov 10	4:00 p.m.	Ryckman House
Parks Board Meeting	Oct 14	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Island Garden Club Meeting	Oct 14 & Nov 11	11:30 a.m.	Community Center
Board of Adjustment Meeting	Oct 15 & Nov 19	6:30 p.m.	Community Center
Tennis Court Grand Re-Opening	Oct 17	10—3	Ryckman Park
Crime Prevention Day	Oct 17	10—2	Community Center
Ryckman House Open House	Oct 17	10—3	Ryckman House
Beach Gardeners	Oct 20 & Nov 17	6:00 p.m.	Community Center
Town Commission Regular Meeting	Oct 21 & Nov 18	6:30 p.m.	Community Center
Environmental Advisory Board	Oct 28 & Nov 25	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Space Coast Classic 15K	Nov 7	7:00 a.m.	Ryckman Park
Town Hall Closed for Veteran's Day	Nov 11		
Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving Break	Nov 26 & 27		
Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Dept. AA	Every Tues. Every Wed.	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Town Hall Old Town Hall

## **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:

1. Organize for success by getting 3-4 people to start a "Green Team". Do not worry, others will follow.
2. Choose a public area which your team would like to invest in.

3. Establish goals and plans to enhance and maintain the area.
4. Communicate your goals and plan to all team members.
5. 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!**

Do you 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](mailto:drocque@melbournebeachfl.org). Don't wait..."Team Up To Clean Up".