

BEACH COMBER



Commission Corner

Your Town Commission has been very busy lately on several issues and projects. Here is a recap of some of the items of discussion, as well as upcoming issues:

The Commission appointed three new members to the Code Enforcement Board (CEB): Philip McCutcheon, Martha Remark, and William Smith, Jr. The entire CEB will meet on September 3 at 6:30 at Town Hall for an orientation workshop.

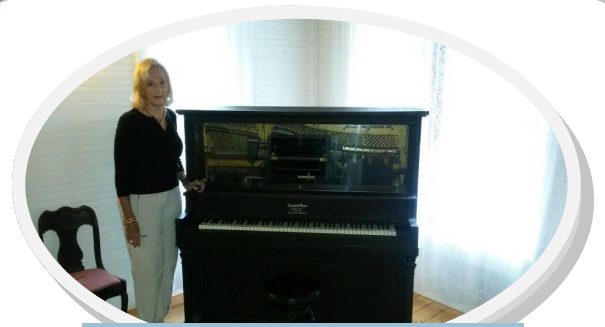
The Commission as well as Town Staff have been working very hard on the FY16 budget. The first public hearing on the budget will be held on September 10th, and the second public hearing will be held on September 21st. Both public hearings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center and the public is encouraged to attend.

The Commission reviewed the Land Development Code during two workshops in August, and is set to review it once more at a workshop meeting on September 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The Code will then be turned over to the Planning & Zoning Board for final revisions in October before it is finally amended by the Commission.

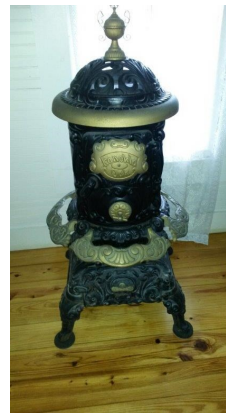
The Osceola Building project will come before the Commission at the September 16th Regular Town Commission meeting, and a public hearing will be held at that time. The Commission voted 4-1 to not allow Binding Development Agreements (BDA's) which will impact this project. All citizens are invited to attend the public hearing.

To see more items that the Commission has been working on, please visit our website at http://www.melbournebeachfl.org/Pages/MelbourneBeachFL_CommissionMinutes/

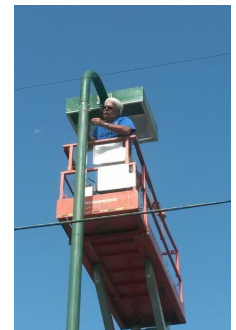
Photos of the Month



Lorraine Woods donated this beautiful player piano to the Ryckman House.



Ken & Landra Burgess' donation



Public Works working on tennis court

Town Manager's Report



Back to School: As summer slips away and our youngsters are back in school, the most important thing to remember is that we are again sharing our streets. Not only are school buses moving about, but there are children on bicycles and kids are walking individually and in groups along the roadways during the day. Please obey all traffic laws, speed limits and protocols to stop for school buses and in an over abundance of caution, approaching any group of youngsters moving about our streetscapes. It is very likely that a group of kids can pop out of almost anywhere to cross the street in front of you as they go home from school, or head to the park or beach, etc.

Town Commission: The Town Commission has had a busy summer working on big projects like the Land Development Code (LDC) revisions and fine-tuning the proposed FY16 budget in workshops for the upcoming year. There will be two public hearings in September where the final proposed budget will be presented, public input received and ultimately a final document adopted by the Town Commission. Each and every Town Commission meeting has numerous items of business to be decided upon and we give them kudos for all their hard work and dedicated time and energies on behalf of the Town. Agenda packages and Minutes of meetings are all found on our Town website for every public meeting.

November Election: I'd like to congratulate local resident Steve Walters, who filed and qualified to run for an open seat on the Town Commission. At time of this writing at closing of the qualifying deadline, he is unopposed for the seat, so the Town will not have an election in November, saving budget monies. The Town Clerk and Attorney will verify results with the Supervisor of Elections.

Improvements: We have made great progress in the operations of the Town, deploying team spirit, efficiencies and best practices to serve you. I hope you're seeing constant improvements in the Town, a steady flow of building improvement permits and a better, customer service friendly "can do" attitude in everything we do. Our staff team is fantastic and they're here to serve you. Please let us know in any way we can improve your experience toward that mission.

Farewell: Finally, it is with some sadness that I announced last week to the Town Commission I will be leaving the employ of the Town under terms of my contract sometime in late October. I have loved working here and making a difference for the residents of Melbourne Beach. I will be headed back to south Florida to again live with my family and most likely be taking a similar position close to my home. However, I will always relish the friendships I've made here and look forward to return visits. I'm proud of the good work we've done together. Melbourne Beach is an awesome place to work, live and play!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Titcomb

Town Manager



Message from the Melbourne Beach Police Department

The 2015-2016 school year has begun. Melbourne Beach Officers will be in the school zones to remind drivers and parents to slow down, and watch out for our little ones. There are NO EXCUSES for speeding in a school zone.

Speeding Fines in a school zone or school crossing are as follows:

1-9 miles \$159.00

10-14 miles \$309.00

15-19 miles \$409.00

20-29 miles \$459.00

Slow down, leave earlier and be patient.

Crosswalk Safety & Bicycle Safety Tips

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

PEDESTRIANS: 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. 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.

BICYCLISTS:

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Use marked bike paths.
- Obey vehicular traffic signals 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.
- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

Be Safe!

Chief Dan Duncan

Upcoming Meetings & Events



September

<u>Meeting / Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	Sep 1	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
Town Commission Workshop	Sep 2	1:00 & 3:00	Town Hall
History Center Board Meeting	Sep 3	5:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall
Code Enforcement Board Workshop	Sep 3	6:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Sea Turtle Preservation Society Meeting	Sep 3	7:00 p.m.	Community Center
Sister Run 5K	Sep 5	7:00 a.m.	Ryckman Park
Town Hall Closed for Labor Day	Sep 7		
Historical Preservation & Awareness Board	Sep 8	4:00 p.m.	Ryckman House
South Beaches Coalition Meeting	Sep 8	4:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Parks Board Meeting	Sep 9	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Island Garden Club Meeting	Sep 9	11:30 a.m.	Community Center
Town Commission Budget Hearing	Sep 10	6:30 p.m.	Community Center
Police Pension Fund Board Meeting	Sep 14	5:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Town Commission Regular Meeting	Sep 16	6:30 p.m.	Community Center
Florida Coastal Cleanup—Beach Cleanup	Sep 19	8-11 a.m.	Ocean Park
Board of Adjustment Meeting	Sep 17	6:30 p.m.	Community Center
Town Commission Final Budget Hearing	Sep 21	6:30 p.m.	Community Center
Environmental Advisory Board	Sep 23	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.	Every Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
AA	Every Wed.	7:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall

Capital Improvements Fund Established

In August, the Town Commission passed Resolution 2015-07 establishing a new Capital Projects Investment Fund (CPIF). Only Town Commission authorized projects that meet stated criteria of Town Code and policy will be funded from this fund, assuring future capital improvements are always directed by a sitting Commission with public meeting input.

The objective is to provide adequate, dedicated funding for projects identified on the “rolling” 5-Year Capital Investment Plan, as mandated in Town code and updated each year in the annual budget process. Revenues generated from annual budget capital outlay appropriations, agency grants and other miscellaneous sources can be directed to this fund balance from one budget year to the next through Commission action.

The fund as established provides a mechanism to achieve these goals under standard accounting procedures. Monies that reside in any special fund remain in that fund from year to year. The Town has several special funds on its books for these reasons, earmarked revenues to strictly defined purposes. Unexpended funds in the general fund each year return to the Town’s reserve fund by Charter, so funds directed into the CPIF hence will only be used toward capital investment projects on the Town’s priority list.

The Commission’s Resolution states that any amount unexpended or designated in a “Capital Outlay” line item in any departmental budget and, or other appropriations as authorized by the Town Commission, will be transferred in to increase available balance of the

“Long Term Capital Projects Fund” prior to the close of the previous fiscal year.

Expenditures from the new fund are limited to only Town Commission approved Capital improvements projects from the 5 Year Capital Plan, or in rare cases other Capital Projects deemed priority or emergency uses by the Commission. Normal operational and maintenance expenditures will not be permitted to be allocated from this fund.

A cursory look at the ongoing 5-Year Capital Plan reveals there are always numerous projects and needs to be funded. The Town Commission deserves kudos for creating this mechanism to leverage resources for future infrastructure and big ticket maintenance needs of the Town.