

BEACH COMBER



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Town of MELBOURNE BEACH Florida

Out with one great Chief of Police and in with a fantastic replacement!!!!

After 40 years in law enforcement in Brevard County and 8 years as the Town of Melbourne Beach



Chief of Police, Chief Duncan is retiring. His large shoes will be filled by Sergeant/Detective Melanie Griswold. Her position as Chief of Police is effective on June 22nd.

Please wish them both well in their new adventures!!!!



Chief Griswold will be formally welcomed by the Town Commission at the July 18, 2018 meeting. Please join us in welcoming her. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

From the desk of Chief Griswold.....

Chief Duncan will be sorely missed. During my career, I have seen Chiefs come and go, but Duncan outlasted them all. His open door policy made it easy to just stop by and say hello or speak to him about a concern regarding a case or any other matter. Besides the many attributes I will miss, his law enforcement experience and professionalism is what I'll miss the most. He instilled in his officers community policing and having a positive relationship with residents and business owners.

As I step into his shoes, I offer a continued commitment to our residents and business owners that community policing and keeping our town safe will be my number one priority. Additionally, I am looking forward to working even closer with Gemini Elementary and having our School Resource Officer in place this year to maintain a safe environment for the faculty and our children.

Stay Safe, Chief Melanie Griswold

Internet Exchange Safe Zone



In front of Town Hall is a designated spot for transactions between buyers and sellers. Being in such close proximity to the Police Department adds another layer of safety. You no longer need to meet at a private residence or in a location with which you are not familiar.

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Get on board with Melbourne Beach's recently implemented pilot composting program!

Scott Parker, from the non-profit organization Green Earth Composting, is promoting this program that consists of:

- Collecting compost material from Melbourne Beach residents
- Mixing that compost with carbon material (leaves, wood chips, etc.) at his facility
- Educating the public on the benefits of composting
- Collecting data on CO₂ reductions
- Increasing sustainability benchmarks
- Reducing garbage collection and fees
- Creating a blueprint to share with other communities
- Providing the Town with a steady stream of nutrient rich soil for use in community gardens and public parks

The program goals are:

- To keep waste out of landfills
- To provide up to 15 times more water retention in the soil
- To keep chemicals out of the lagoon
- To promote healthy and safe locally grown food and green space
- To use locally any proceeds from these efforts

How to get started:

- Email Scott! (gearthcompost@gmail.com) and give him your name/address
- If you need a bucket, he will provide one and then on Thursday's, the contents will be collected
- That's all there is to this environmentally friendly and FREE service

The Town's Environmental Advisory Board is planning to make this composting program part of the Melbourne Beach's Sustainability Plan.

Have you heard about the new composting program that Scott Parker has begun in Melbourne Beach? If you aren't already participating, I think you'll be compelled to do so after learning more about it. The benefits are reflected in the first set of statistics from May:

- 462 pounds of food waste collected
- 924 pounds of feedstock yield (mixing food waste with wood chips, leaves and carbon)
- CO₂ emission reduced by 396 pounds (conversion formula provided by calrecycle.ca.gov)
- Carbon sequestered – 220 pounds

Turtle Nesting Season LIGHTS OUT!!

Property owners and businesses along the coast need to make sure they are in compliance with Town lighting ordinances. Artificial light should be shielded or screened so it isn't visible from the beach. Alternatively, they can be turned off between 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during May 1st—October 31st of every year. Artificial lights, including some interior lights, can discourage female turtles from nesting on the beach and can cause hatchlings to become disoriented.



We are hoping that an Arborist can give us suggestions on how to preserve our beloved playground tree.



Stay tuned for the Town's new website that will be unveiled in about a month. The new site will be easier to navigate and news items will be front and center on the home page. Also, residents will be able

to submit their email addresses to receive automatic alerts about storm information, boil water notices, road work, etc. A FIND IT FAST function and search capabilities will be included.

Playground Fundraiser

The Town is going to host a fall festival called the *Ryckman Park Family Weekend* on the evening of October 19th & on the 20th. The goal is to raise funds for new playground equipment. Quality equipment is expensive and we want to have enough money to provide a safe, ADA compliant and FUN play environment. The details have not been ironed out but so far the plan is to have a classical night with an orchestra under the Pavilion for adults where wine and cheese will be served and a silent auction will be held. Saturday will be more of a family event with music, food trucks and other not yet decided activities. The Fire Department will also host their annual Haunted House on Saturday night. Please stay tuned to our facebook page and website for news regarding this event.



We are working to develop a clear action plan that will provide a cost estimate, a layout and a rendering. Private and corporate sponsorships will be welcomed (of course!).

If you have any fundraising ideas, please contact Town Manager Bob Daniels.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Town of Melbourne Beach now has a dedicated Code Compliance Officer. Her name is Jennifer Kerr and she brings with her a wealth of knowledge. Jennifer has an MBA from FIT and has worked for Brevard County for 20+ years. She has extensive experience in Animal Services/Enforcement as well as spending many years as a Lead Code Enforcement Officer. Additionally, Jennifer holds professional certification from the Florida Association of Code Enforcement and was Code Enforcement employee of the quarter and Brevard County "Employee of the Year". Another applicable accomplishment she brings is the FEMA Professional Development Series Certification.

This is a part-time position but you will see her at various times throughout the day/evening and on weekends. She will ensure compliance with Town codes pertaining to zoning, land use, land development, signs and tree removal through field inspections, notices of violation and citations. Following are the essential functions of the job:

- Initiates, investigates and follows up on complaints of zoning, land use, land development, signs and tree removal issues.
- Inspects development sites for compliance with approved site plans.
- Reviews applications for signs and tree removal permits to ensure compliance with City regulations
- Determines and recommends resolution of the issues involved.
- Investigates, prepares and presents cases to code enforcement board
- Researches legal descriptions of properties; submits violations and notices to property owners.
- Meets with property owners and residents and explains code compliance requirements
- Performs re-inspections before and after code board hearings to ascertain compliance
- Maintains accurate and detailed records of code enforcement activity and prepares periodic reports.

Our Code Compliance is not meant to be heavy-handed or intrusive. Compliance will include educating residents and violations will be dealt with tactfully and impartially.

Welcome to Melbourne Beach, Jennifer!!



WE NEED YOU!!!

As a side note to the notice regarding our new Code Compliance Officer, the Town is in need of volunteers to sit on the Code Enforcement Board. The Board has 5 seats, 2 of which are empty. There are also 2 alternate seats available. Members of this Board have the authority to commit Town funds and resources and/or to make decisions/recommendations that affect zoning, building and land use applications and legal standing. To ensure that members of these Boards provide the most informed and consistent information and resultant recommendations to the Commission, the Commission would like to meet with potential candidates at a Town Commission Workshop prior to appointment. An application can be found on our website or you can call Town Hall for more information.



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Upcoming Town Meetings

Meeting	Dates	Time	Location
Town Hall Closed - Holiday	July 4, September 3		
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	July 3, August 7 & Sept 4	7:00 p.m.	Community Ctr
Town Commission Workshop	July (TBD), Aug1 & Sept 5	6:00 p.m.	Town Hall
History Center Board Meeting	July 5, Aug 2 & Sept 6	5:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall
Parks Board Meeting	July 11, Aug 8 & Sept 12	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Historic Preservation & Awareness Board	July 10, Aug 7, & Sept 11	4:30 p.m.	Ryckman House
Town Commission Regular Meeting	July 18, Aug 15, & Sept 19	6:30 p.m.	Community Ctr.
Environmental Advisory Board	July 25, Aug 22 & Sept 26	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Melbourne Beach Volunteer Fire Dept.	Every Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Town Hall
AA	Every Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Old Town Hall



Memorial Service for Ann Downing July 28th @ 11am Community Center, Melbourne Beach

Please join the Downing family at a memorial service for Melbourne Beach's beloved Ann Downing. Dear friend of Ann's, Sheryl Alberga, wrote about Ann: Ann loved Melbourne Beach and was a very active resident. She was present at every Commission meeting she could possibly make saying that they were so much more exciting than watching TV. Ann held numerous "Meet and Greet" parties throughout the years for the Commission Candidates. She also adopted a beach crossover at Spessard Holland keeping it free of trash and helped out at the Town triathlons by directing traffic and handing out water.

Ann was very active with the History Boards of the Town. At the Old Town Hall History Center she was a major participant in stopping the building from being demolished by the county. She organized volunteer construction workers and kept track of what they did with her lengthy spreadsheet, organized parties for them, put on plays to raise money, put on a Pet Show to raise money, created a Melbourne Beach cookbook to raise money, started the docent program at the History Center, created special exhibits for the Center, and so much more. Ann took her video camera around town and interviewed about 15 old timers so the Town now has a valuable oral history from them. She drove to the University of Miami and photographed every single page from the original Beaujean Diaries that described in detail the daily life of an original settler and what life was like in our town in the early 1900s.

Ann was selected to be Citizen of the Year in 2005. It was a very well deserved honor for this petite lady with endless energy.

Melbourne Beach will sorely miss Ann Downing.