

HOT TOPICS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Building Department Services

The town has had a difficult time this past year in building department staff and services. After a lengthy involved search, the Town selected a Certified Building Official (CBO), who then unfortunately had to resign a very short time later due to personal circumstances. The town has got by relying upon neighboring community's "borrowed" resources and personnel in order to move basic critical workload. Additionally we recognize the elevated efforts of staff, especially Marie Cardace and Beth Crowell, who pulled out the stops every day to provide needed service and functionality to our citizens, contractors and outside agencies doing business with the town.

Since arriving as Interim, we've since engaged contracted services of Universal Engi-

neering Sciences, Inc. to provide basic CBO and permit inspection functions, while we re-advise seeking the right person(s) to fulfill important building department functions moving forward. Currently we are staffing plans reviews, inspection services and related functions on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons through Town Hall to accommodate the majority of work flow coming into the town. Though, emergency and special request services can still be arranged through advanced scheduling and other provisional contact in certain circumstances.

Lastly, we get numerous calls from parties involved in potential property transactions finding that proper permits and inspections may have been "missed" at some point in

the past; many of these situations can be from the "hurricane repair" years, but also "home repair DIYs" and misplaced documents along the way. It is important to check with Town Hall when you are contemplating real estate sales, remodeling and transfers of ownership to assure things are done right (for your protection) by licensed contractors and engineers, as well as ascertain that permits and paperwork aren't left incomplete creating a future problem for you down the road. We have policies and procedural options to resolve unclear records and unclosed permits. Chat with our building department staff and they can assist you in your records search and mitigation issues where they may be a problem.



Meet our new Interim Town Manager, James S. Titcomb

"Jamie" as he is known by most people, spent the last 34 years in Palm Beach County in various capacities, including as the longest-serving, full-time executive director of the Palm Beach County League of Cities working daily for over 230 local officials in 38 municipalities; along with county, state and other intergovernmental entities to help make better public policy for all concerned. He served as an elected city commissioner and vice mayor prior to serving at the League, and as town manager of two local communities after retiring from the League. Prior to these public positions, he spent nearly 20 years as the creative director/CEO of his award winning advertising and design agency business. He holds an Industrial Design degree from Pratt Institute.

Having grown up in a small New England town, Jamie appreciates the unique charm and challenges of managing our community through the issues and policies to be the "best little beach town" community it can be. To assure good communication, Jamie strives to provide maximum access to Town officials, staff and citizens alike to identify any problems of concern and seek solutions at every step. "A small town always presents special challenges, with many of the issues of larger communities, yet usually fewer resources to mitigate equally..." he says. "Working together, we will strive to come up with the solutions that seem just right for our town, taking pride and responsibility for our own community and surroundings is the prescription to get the job done right. While we can't fix everything all at once, knowing how we want things to be and having the persistence to see them through will leave this gem of the barrier island a treasure for future generations to come."

Please do take the time to introduce yourself, attend town meetings, volunteer for town boards and be involved to make a difference. We can always find ways to have you help your town just for the asking. Hope to get to know and work with you soon! – JT



Charmagne Manning
Publisher/Editor
Town Clerk



Budget Workshops in Progress



Your Town commission, staff and interested citizens are currently participating in town-wide scheduled budget workshop hearings over the months of July and August, usually held at Town Hall meeting rooms or in the Community Center next door. These discussions, driven by financial data of our revenues and expenses help create the annual budget, which becomes the "blueprint" for operations, priorities and policies in the coming fiscal year (FY15). We encourage you to follow and communicate with staff and elected officials on matters of importance to you and your neighbors so that we may create the best plans possible for the coming year, all the while paying attention to cost efficiencies and our fiduciary responsibility to well manage the town and its functions. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and working with you in the coming year. All agendas, dates and detail documentation for public meetings can be found on the Town's website, posted upon the official Town bulletin board, and are available to you at Town Hall.

Business Tax Receipts

Doing business in the Town



Are you doing business in the town, any kind of business? There are two important things to remember: 1. you must be situated in the proper zoning classification to do the type of business use you are engaging in, and 2. you must register with the Town by way of a Local Business Tax Receipt Application, which is available at Town Hall during regular business hours. It is the Town's jurisdiction to register and monitor commercial activities within its borders, assuring that zoning, health and safety considerations are properly followed and adhered to. The registration of a business in Town is a state authorized function of local municipal jurisdictions. The process is not complicated and the fee for application nominal. Failure to register a business that's active in the town can result in a code compliance issues and jeopardize the livelihood of those involved. Such businesses can be shut down due to Town code and zoning compliance, fire, health and safety related issues. The town is not looking to be business unfriendly, but assure the public that activities within the Town are regular and registered according to our codes.

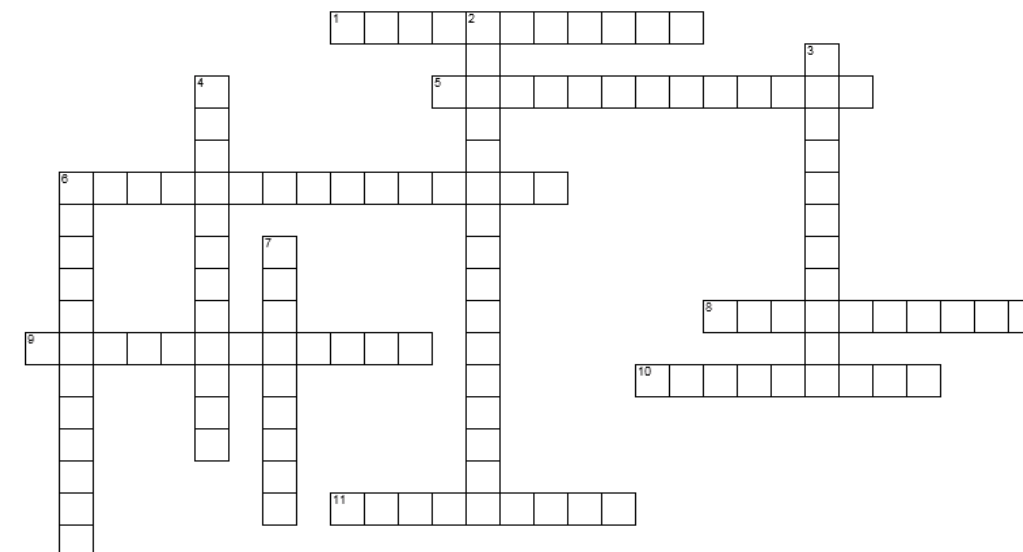
Appointments!

If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with one of the Commissioners please call or email the Town Clerk at (321) 724-5860 or cmanning@melbournebeachfl.org



Community Code Enforcement

At the same time we seek out our new Building Official services and department staff solutions, we are also advertising for a Code Compliance Specialist (Code Officer). The town has ongoing issues with code compliance on a number of levels, residentially and commercially. Going before a Code Enforcement Board, paying hefty fines and being forced to rectify problem code situations is not the desired end game, voluntary compliance and respect for your town and neighbors is what we most care about. Lets all pitch in and mitigate situations before they become a nuisance, unsightly or dangerous!



ACROSS

1. Office Assistant
5. Commissioner
6. Finance Director
8. Town Mayor
9. Deputy Town Clerk
10. Police Chief
11. Commissioner

DOWN

2. Town Clerk
3. Commissioner
4. Town Manager
6. Vice Mayor
7. Public Works Director



Crime Prevention for Parents

Chief Dan Duncan

Melbourne Beach is regarded as one of the safest cities in Florida, but that's no reason for parents to let their guard down. Although, Melbourne Beach Police Department will always respond to crime, the police can't do it alone. Get informed, get involved and make crime prevention a part of your everyday life. Chief Duncan provided a few safety tips. The safety tips are a good start for creating awareness and building self-confidence your child may need to handle an emergency.

- ◆ Make sure your children know their full name, age, address and telephone number with area code. Always have them carry identification in their pocket (not visible).
- ◆ Be sure they know how to contact you in an emergency, as well as how and when to call 9-1-1 to reach emergency services.
- ◆ Always locks doors and windows and see who's there before opening the door.

Chief Duncan reminds you to be alert for changes in your child's behavior that could signal abuse, such as sudden secretiveness, withdrawal from activities, unexplained cash or expensive items, refusal to go to school or a favorite activity, increased anxiety or unexplained hostility toward a particular person or place. Always remember - if your child is a victim of any crime, from stolen lunch money to sexual abuse, don't blame him or her. Listen, offer sympathy and report it to the proper authority. Be safe!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	More Information
July 16, 2014	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Medical Leave Workshop	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
July 16, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Regular Commission Meeting	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
July 17, 2014	3:00 -5:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
July 21, 2014	3:00 -5:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
July 23, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Environmental Advisory Board	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
July 28, 2014	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Budget Workshop	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
August 5, 2014	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Board Meeting	Community Center	(321) 724-5860
August 7, 2014	4:30 p.m.	South Beaches Coalition	Conference Room	(321) 724-5860
August 7, 2014	5:30 p.m.	History Board Meeting	Old Town Hall	(321) 724-5860
August 7, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Joint P & Z and Town Commission Meeting	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
August 11, 2014	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Special Event Workshop	Masny Room	(321) 724-5860
August 20, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Regular Commission Meeting	Community Center	

BEACH COMBER



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Hey! A Mosquito Bit Me!

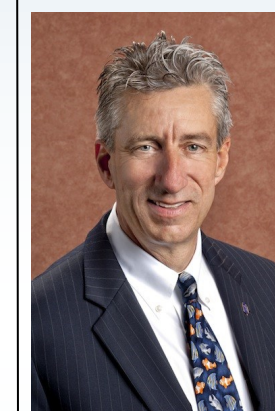
Is something deadly breeding in your yard?

Recently the number of complaints in Melbourne Beach about mosquitos has grown. In response, the Town Mayor, Jim Simmons, contacted mosquito control to find out what was causing this big problem in our small town. The results of the site visit were surprising. The town learned that although spraying helps it cannot solve the problem. It was confirmed that our mosquito problem is primarily due to container grown mosquitos.

What is a container grown mosquito? Container grown mosquitoes are mosquitos that are produced in any type of item or container that holds standing water. Some of those you may have around your home are potted plants with pans, clogged roof gutters, water build-up due to your water faucet or air conditioning drain, large animal troughs, old tires, unused pools, bird baths, barbecue grills, ash trays, or other small container.

What Can I do to help? Some ideas for ensuring your are not breeding mosquitos are to not overwater plants or remove the water pans under the plants, clean your rain gutters, replace the water in your pets dish every few days, cover rain water catches with screen to prevent mosquito larvae, empty pools or flush weekly, cover your grills, over turn or remove containers or flush at least once a week.

We hope we can count on you to do your part to reduce this BIG small-town problem. For more information on mosquito control visit Brevard County Mosquito Control at brevardcounty.us/mosquito or the American Mosquito Control Association at www.mosquito.org/resource-center. Mayor Simmons is currently working to increase scheduled sprayings.



Interim Town Manager
Jamie Titcomb

On May 21, 2014, during a Special Town Commission Meeting the Commission voted unanimously to offer Mr. Titcomb the position of Interim Town Manager. Melbourne Beach welcomes you!

Fertilizing Regulations Strengthened

On June 18, 2014 during the Regular Commission Meeting, a strengthen Ordinance was passed to lend a hand in the fight to protect the Indian River Lagoon. The new regulations were developed over the course of three public hearings and incorporated many suggestions made by the public. The Ordinance took effect immediately upon its passage.

To get a copy of the new regulations, contact the Town Clerk, Charmagne Manning by phone at (321) 724-5860 or email cmanning@melbournebeachfl.org.

BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budget Workshops are underway. See this years budget schedule on page 4 in the look ahead section, and this years budget message on page 3.