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The Town of Melbourne Village

FOUNDERS' DAY

Sunday, April 28th

Celebrate 61 Years

Founders' Day 2019 Weekend at a Glance

SATURDAY April 27

Ice Cream Social 7-8 pm

Hester Wagner Community House
Socialize with neighbors and enjoy
Ice Cream and all the Fixins!

Music by the **Cronkhite Family singers**

SUNDAY April 28

Avenue of Toys 10 am-4 pm

Bring your favorite golf cart, car, bike or other 'toy'
to the **east end of Norman Drive** at 10 AM

Music 12 noon-4pm

Performance by

The Spacecoast Barbershop Quartet
and

Lupe Pantoja, DJ will play all your favorites!

Art Display

Village Artists will display their works

Food begins approx. 1:00 pm

Includes barbeque pork and chicken, hot
dogs, salad, bread, baked beans and drinks.

**Residents are asked to bring a
side dish or dessert to share**
(bring all dishes to the Village Hall kitchen)

For the Kids

Bounce House / Obstacle Course

Clowns Lady Bug and Dan Druff
face painting and balloons

Game of Kickball Anyone?

Sponsored by **TMV Public Safety.**

Contact Chief King (725-7224).

Start Time will be announced

Questions: Call the Town Office 723-8300

Welcome To Founders' Day 2019

by Heidi Salmon, Mayor

Founders' Day is April 28th from 12noon to 5pm. Bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Meats will be provided courtesy of donations by Waste Pro and AHF, and expertly prepared and cooked for the 17th year by the Mark & Tina Wiener family from Hammock Rd.

We'll have a DJ on Sunday as well as a barbershop quartet performance, bounce house, face painting, our kickball game, and our village artists are invited to bring, display, and sell art works.

The Parade of Toys will be led by Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Smith on West Pine, who are Subaru club members. Shine up your car or toy and bring it down to Norman Drive about 10am. Prizes will be awarded at 2pm. Make sure to check out our new MV Police Car on display.

We will also have a table with sign-up sheets and info about our Town Hurricane Prep Plan (we need volunteer street captains) as well as sign up sheets for our Town Committee vacancies.

The night before, April 27th, we will have the Ice Cream Social, led by Rand Carroll, at the Hester Wagner House on Hall Rd. at 7pm.

Please come out to both events and enjoy socializing with your neighbors.

**FOUNDERS' DAY IS TOWN SPONSORED. ALL
EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
RESIDENTS, INCLUDING RENTERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO
BE A MEMBER OF THE AHF TO ATTEND.**

From the Desk of the Mayor...

DAYTON BRIDGE UPDATE

I attended an April 10th meeting with Mr. John Denninghoff, our Brevard County Assistant Manager, his Road and Bridge Chief Engineer, Bruce Black, our County Commissioner, Kristine Isnardi, and her chief of staff, Danielle, along with our Public Works Superintendent, George Tompkins. The County presented me with a well-thought-out plan for the bridge at Dayton and South Drive. I will be presenting this plan to our town commission for consideration.

TRAFFIC ISSUES IN MELBOURNE VILLAGE

The traffic committee has gained good data from borrowing the speed trailer from West Melbourne. The data includes non-official numbers in a one-way direction which confirms that the traffic through the village is in excess of our previous estimates at over 17,000 cars (estimating 35,000 both directions) for each of the two weeks the trailer was in operation. The traffic committee chairperson, Allen Robbins and myself met with Ashley Crittendon and Eric, two Brevard County Traffic Engineers, who advised us on next steps which include, obtaining official FDOT approved numbers, then determining traffic calming options for our town.

POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, ADMIN

Department heads are preparing their costs and expenses summaries for the annual budget preparation process which starts in early summer. Much thought and planning goes into putting this together. For example, this month I was provided estimates for employee health insurance options which I will submit to the TMV Finance Committee and Town Commission for consideration.

NEW DEPUTY CLERK

We welcome resident Susan Downey as our new Deputy Clerk at the town office. Susan is married to former Mayor Rob Downey, and they have lived on Cajeput Circle with their family for many years.

DRAINAGE RESTORATION UPDATE

As we continue our Drainage Restoration Plan, please expect our Public Works team to be cleaning and clearing the ditches and swales in front of your homes. They're just finishing Flamingo on the North end of the Village. Make sure plants, sprinklers, and items are removed from the Town right of way which extends 15 feet from the roadway. It is important that Public Works is able to clear out as much as possible before the start of hurricane season and the rainy season. This is a two-year project, and we are in year one.

In your service,

Heidi Salmon

Public Safety

TELEPHONE CRIME INFORMATION

Of all our challenges at the police department the most frustrating has been the continued victimization of residents by the use of the telephone. Deterrent aggressive patrol by our officers, quick response, high visibility, and good interaction with the public has failed to stem the tide of this common weapon.

Some of the most common scams we have encountered have been predators impersonating the IRS, Microsoft technicians, FBI agents and even kidnappers. You shouldn't let a stranger in your home and this applies to phones.

All the schemes are designed to extort money from you by the use of fear. Please do not transfer funds if you receive a call from someone you don't know. In this day and age, caller identification can be spoofed and even if you are supplied a call back number, this too can be untraceable. The use of electronic social media gives cyber-criminals a handy way to identify family members and they sometimes impersonate them to plead for a victim to transfer funds in order to alleviate a bogus emergency. You wouldn't let a stranger in your home and this applies to phones.

Please hang-up on these calls. If you are fearful, call us at 911 or dispatch at 321-639-7532.

FROM CHIEF KING

I have decided to retire from law enforcement and the Melbourne Village Police department after being here for the past fifteen years. It has been the greatest experience in my career which began in 1969 as a young military policeman serving in Vietnam. When I retired from the Hillside Police Department in New Jersey in 2000, I never dreamed I would end work in such a great community and make so many great friends and serve with so many fine officers.

As always, we here at the department care if you have any suggestions

or questions. Do not hesitate to contact us at the department. Please drive safe and buckle-up, enjoy Founder's Day and have a great summer.

Jack King, Chief of Police



The Flag and Azaleas in Mel Manthey Park

February 2017

Photograph by Wayne Clark

Public Works

by George Tompkins, Town Superintendent

We welcome our new residents to the community and would like to thank all Volunteers and Town Staff for your service and dedication to the community.

As a reminder, June 1 is the beginning of hurricane season which runs through December 1. Prepare yourselves early.

STORMWATER

Stormwater utility ditches are being maintained for a positive water flow, using our new mini-excavator. The sections of Town east of the L-5 canal have been completed on the first, heavy pass.

Some sections of the area south of the M-1 have also been done, as have Hammock Rd. and Flamingo. We will be working on Sheridan Rd. and West Pine Rd. next.

ROADS

We recently repainted the arrows at Dayton Blvd. and US-192 and, for greater clarity, added a second set of arrows and some signage. Please be careful at this intersection as oncoming drivers do not always recognize the traffic flow pattern.

HESTER WAGNER COMMUNITY HOUSE

We rejuvenated the floors with a product to help maintain the luster of the original hardwood floors.

The restoration project will be moving forward, with efforts to re-inforce the foundation the first step.

MOWING

Get out and see the wildflowers in our right of ways, as we will soon resume our summer mowing schedule.



Hurricane season info!

We need Village Street Captains!

The AHF and the Town are working together to better meet the needs of the community during times of natural disasters like hurricanes. The Town is preparing for the storm season and better ways to communicate if/when electricity and Internet access is lost due to damage.

The Town office will be open as soon as electricity is restored and staffed to address emergency requests, coordinate Street Captain reports, provide power for charging electronics or just a respite from the heat. The AHF Hall will also be open when determined necessary. Signs and postings on the AHF Bulletin Board and the TMV website will announce when the offices are open.

Along with our governing bodies, village residents are essential for rapid and effective response after the storm has passed. Based on lessons learned from last fall and community needs, we want to organize a team of **Street Captains** interspersed throughout the Village who will be the eyes and ears of the town.

Pre-storm, **Street Captains** will identify neighbors in their designated area who are leaving/staying or need help preparing their homes, critical health concerns, and other pertinent information.

Post-storm, **Street Captains** will identify neighbors who need assistance, such as blocked driveways or doors, window or roof damage, flooding, emergency power for health equipment, assistance with yard debris, ice, laundry or other requested assistance. The street captains will report to a designated Villager who, along with our leaders, will organize and coordinate the appropriate response.

We need many more Street Captains! If you are interested in volunteering as a Street Captain – please contact Sue Ditty via email, text or phone: sditty@yahoo.com, 321-626-7554.



50% BROWNS / CARBON

50% GREENS / NITROGEN

Ashes
Cardboard (*shredded*)
Corn Stalks
Fruit Waste
Newspaper (*shredded*)
Oak Leaves
Peanut Shells
Sawdust
Straw

Alfalfa
Algae
Coffee Grounds
Egg Shells (*smashed*)
* Food Waste
Grass Clippings
Hedge Clippings
Seaweed
Vegetable Scraps

*** AVOID DISEASED PLANTS, MEAT, BONES, FISH, FATS, DAIRY, PET WASTE (EXCEPT CHICKENS OR RABBITS), COLORED OR GLOSSED PAPER, & WEEDS.**

Our compost pile is located at the west side of the garden (in the truck bed liners). We appreciate your donation. Thank You!



Reminder TMV Fertilizer Ordinance is in Effect

AT THE HEART OF THE ORDINANCE IS THE **UPCOMING JUNE 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 RAINY SEASON BAN**.
WHAT IS THE FERTILIZER ORDINANCE? THE ORDINANCE FEATURES:

Rainy season ban from June 1-September 30 for nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer.

No Phosphorus allowed without a soil test that indicates need. Call Brevard County Ext, 633-1702, for details on testing.

Fertilizer free zone within 10 feet of any surface waters, ponds, streams, lake, canal, etc. No Exceptions.

Establishes a voluntary low maintenance zone within 10' of all water bodies.

Sets maximum yearly limits by grass types and application rates for fertilizer use on lawns.

Prohibits fertilizer use on new turf for 30 days.

Prohibits leaving grass clippings and fertilizer on any impervious surface (concrete).

During the dry season, and for approved exceptions during the rainy season, use only fertilizer whose total nitrogen content is at least 50% slow release.

Prohibits fertilizing on days when a heavy rain is expected, if the ground is water saturated, or during a flood watch, tropical storm, or hurricane watch or warning.

Requires professionals and institutional applicators to have training.

Establishes penalties for non-compliance.

Only the following are exempt from the ordinance: Plants, trees, and vegetables used for edible food; compost, mulches, or other similar materials that are primarily organic and are applied to improve the physical condition of the soil. The entire Fertilizer Ordinance is available at the Town Office.

Watering Restrictions: Know Your Days.

Melbourne Village is under the jurisdiction of the St. John's River Water Management District and their regulations regarding water issues. Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water.

Time of Year	Homes with ODD Numbers or NO Address	Homes with EVEN Numbers	Nonresidential property
Daylight Savings Time (Mar 10—Nov 3, 2019)	Wednesday / Saturday	Thursday / Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time (Nov 3, 2019-Mar. 8, 2020)	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

—> Water only when needed. Do Not water between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

—> Water for no more than one hour per zone.

—> Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.



Melbourne Village Household Recycling is collected on Mondays

PLEASE RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

Aluminum: Beverage containers, foil, casserole pans and pie plates.

Cans: Steel and tin.

Glass: Any color food and beverage jars and bottles. Paper labels, rings and lids on glass containers are acceptable.

Plastic Bottles and Containers: Soda bottles, dishwashing soap, and shampoo bottles; HDPE natural and colored containers such as milk jugs, water bottles and detergent bottles. Please rinse and remove the original contents, labels, lids and plastic caps. These items will not be rejected if they are not rinsed.

Wide Mouth Containers and Lids: Butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc. Please rinse.

Paper and Cardboard: All loose newspaper, corrugated containers that are flattened, cut down or folded to 4' x 4' flattened and 2' x 2' square. Brown paper or craft paper bags, telephone books, magazines, catalogs and glossy print publications; paperboard such as cereal boxes, drinks/snack boxes and wax coated paperboard; mixed use residential and office paper; shredded paper, junk mail, computer and school paper, envelopes and manila folders.

Standard Household Batteries: *Not* lithium or watch batteries

Electronic Waste: As an additional benefit of *GOING GREEN with Waste Pro*, you may, at no additional cost, include your electronic waste as acceptable recycling material. *Please call the Town Office to schedule pickup at 723-8300.*

Appliances: Stoves, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, etc. Call the Town Office to schedule pickup. For safety reasons, please remove doors from these items.

DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

Car and Computer Batteries

Ink Cartridges

Electronics

Motor Oil Containers

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Plastic bags and wrappers

Food Waste

Plate Glass

Mirrors

Styrofoam

Household Hazardous Waste

Windows



FOUNDERS' DAY

Town of Melbourne Village 1957 - 2019

Founders' Eve

Old Time Ice Cream Social



Ice Cream and all the fixin's will be served

**Hester Wagner
Community House**

**Saturday
April 27
7-8 pm**

"Socialize with neighbors enjoy Ice Cream and all the Fixins!
Music by the Cronkhite Family singers

Volunteers Needed!

Help is needed on Founders' Eve and Founders' Day with set-up, food serving and clean-up. Please call the Town Office at 723-8300 if you want to help. You can also volunteer during the event by talking to Heidi Salmon or Rand Carroll.

BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE TO THE PICNIC ON SUNDAY
Bring all dishes to the Village Hall kitchen.

THANK YOU WASTE PRO
Waste Pro, our solid waste contractor, has again contributed towards our Founders' Day event by providing the funds to purchase the meat for the Founders' Day BBQ. They also donated the use of a dumpster for trash removal after the event, and cardboard recycling bins.
Thank you, Waste Pro, you are always there to help out in our community.

STOP > **NOTICE** < **STOP**
The East end of Norman Drive (near Hammock Rd.) will be blocked off during Founders' Day activities (early morning to about 5 pm on April 30th) to provide a safe area for the 'Avenue of Toys' during the day-long activities in this area. Residents are requested to use the West Pine access to Norman Drive. Questions or concerns should be addressed to the Town Office, 723-8300.

Public Safety Note
BE SAFE IN THE DARK
Please carry a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing when walking the village after dark. Drivers cannot see you even though you can see them coming.



**Keeping Melbourne Village Beautiful
Refreshing the Wildflower Beds
Intersection of Dayton Blvd. and South Drive**

The Town has been awarded a Keep Brevard Beautiful Florida Friendly Landscaping (KBB-FFL) Grant for 2018-19!

Flashback eight years to 2011, the TMV Beautification Committee applied for and received a La Florida, Land of Flowers Community Grant from the Florida Wildflower Foundation. At that time the Town of Melbourne Village was 1 of 3 recipients in Brevard County awarded \$500 for a beautification project. Our project was to transform the Dayton Blvd. & South Dr. intersection from a sand patch to a place of color and a haven for butterflies and bees.

Today, the Beautification Committee is revamping this site to renew the appeal of Florida native plants and wildflowers through a grant opportunity through Brevard County's KBB-FFL grant. Each year KBB funds projects throughout the county and encourages the use of Florida native plants. Our request is for \$1,000 to enable the TMV Beautification Committee to create a defining front evergreen border on both sides of the road with ground cover and to purchase and spread mulch with the help of a landscape contractor.

As with the 2011 pursuit, we are reaching out to Villagers for your support in installing plants and watering. We also are seeking donations of selected Florida native plants (from your yards). Other aspects of this grant pursuit are Kim Zarillo has updated the landscape plan; we have teamed with the Condradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) to also provide volunteer labor for installation; and Maple Street Natives Nursery and Floridana Tropicals will be providing the plants. Our Mayor, Town Commissioners and Town Staff have been steadfast in their support from the beginning by the endorsing our ideas and requests.

With funding from this grant, we will be purchasing and installing Coontie (*Zamia pumila*) as a front border and lots of Sunshine Mimosa (*Mimosa strigillosa*) as a groundcover. To complete the landscape design, we will be looking to Villagers for your support in donating selected Florida native plants from your yards. We are specifically looking for Blue porterweed (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*), Dune sunflower (*Helianthus debilis*), Dotted Horsemint (*Monarda punctata*), Rosinweed (*Silphium compositum*), Solidago – Beach (*Chrysoma pauciflosculosa*), Frostweed (*Verbesina virginica*) and Wild Coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*) to complete the design.

Not only was there a need to remove the invasive grasses and to refresh the plant material, but a need to lower the height of the ground to allow for street drainage at the intersection.

The following pictures are shared to provide a visual motivation for this effort:

01/06/19 after excavation: West Bed: Looking northwest



East Bed: Looking southwest



West Bed: Looking Southeast



East bed: Looking east



The role of the TMV Beautification Committee is one of advisory to the Mayor and Town Commissioners. The committee was re-established in 2009 under Resolution 2009-06. We currently have four members and are always open to additional members, as well as, encouraging guests to attend and share their thoughts on how to make Melbourne Village a more beautiful home town. We are required to meet quarterly and meet on the 3rd Monday (10am-12pm) of the following months: January, April, July and September; and then as needed. Our meetings are announced at least 48 hours in advance should there be a change to a regularly scheduled meeting or for a special meeting. **Join us!**



Google Earth picture of wildflower beds at street level taken 2011-12

The following photos were taken after the excavation was accomplished.

Town of Melbourne Village
555 Hammock Rd.
Melbourne Village, FL 32904

Traffic Reminder



Solid Waste Collection Info

Monday Recycling and Yard Trash. Place yard waste in container or cut to 4-foot lengths.

Wednesday and Saturday Regular Garbage, Regular household rubbish.

Large Items If large appliances (stoves & refrigerators with doors removed) and furniture are not picked up within a few days, call Waste Pro at 837-0055 or contact the Town Office.

Reminder: Do NOT place large piles of yard waste directly beneath power lines or next to mail boxes. The clam truck cannot be operated under power lines. If you must place yard waste in plastic bags, do not seal them (leave them so they can be easily opened). The best option is to containerize small items whenever possible.

Contacting Town Officials

Written communication (including email) with Town Officials pertaining to Town business is considered public record. Letters should be addressed to the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Commissioner, or Commissioners at: Town of Melbourne Village

555 Hammock Rd
Melbourne Village, FL 32904
email: town@melbournevillage.org
Phone: 321-723-8300

The Town Website is www.melbournevillage.org

Contact the Office and Commissioners at
Deputyclerk@melbournevillage.org

Regular Town Commission Meetings are held at 7:00 pm the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Town Office.

Commissioners

MAYOR	Heidi Salmon	TMVMayor@gmail.com
VICE MAYOR	Rand Carroll	
COMMISSIONERS	Valerie Calenda	
	Richard Jones	
	Grayson Dix	
	Gerda Murphy	
	David Sinton	