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**HURRICANE SEASON 2020 SPECIAL PULLOUT INSERT — PAGES 5-8**

### A Message from Mayor Salmon

Dear Residents,

With only two months left in my term as Mayor, I would like to update you on the status of some projects:

The Dayton Culvert/Bridge replacement has been completed. We were awarded \$250,000 from the State of Florida towards the total price of the project thanks to our lobbyist, Bill Barrett. Thank you, Mr. Barrett! The bridge is wonderful, and we are so glad it was completed before hurricane season got into full swing.

The M-1 Canal running under the new bridge has been cleaned in anticipation of the start of the St. Johns Water Management District project for the construction of a weir which will redirect the water westward. Our culvert was replaced before the start of this project and before the old culvert completely failed. Hooray! We did it! Thank you to Bruce Black, County Road & Bridge Director, and thank you to Kristine Isnardi, our County Commissioner who made this a priority.

Permitting for resetting the Pedestrian Bridge has finally been approved. This took a long time because the pandemic practically shut down the engineering department for the County. We also needed to provide specific engineered revisions to the new location which resident Gary Karel, Professional Engineer, provided to our Town. Thank you, Mr. Karel!

Our lobbyist, Bill Barrett, has a plan for us to resurface our existing roads over the next several years in phases. He plans to submit funding requests to the State of Florida to help pay for this future large expense.

The Hester Wagner Community House has undergone some serious improvements during the closure caused by the pandemic. Contractors completed extensive foundation repairs and pier replacements. Our Public Works department, George Tompkins and Bradley Ward, repainted the walls and restored the floors. Gutters and leaf guards have been installed to prevent the exterior wood rot that was found. The next steps in the restoration project will be to replace wood rot in exterior siding.

We have not reopened the facility to groups yet but have formulated a reopening plan which includes sanitation measures and supplies, additional requirements for renters, and updated rental documents by our town attorney. The rental fees for the Hester Wagner Community House will be increased to cover these costs.

The new town garage building with five bays was completed this summer. Four bays will be utilized to hold town equipment and vehicles and one will be utilized by the AHF for their Parks and Paths Committee.

Resident Lyle Zody donated a piece of equipment to our Town which is a "Gravel Rascal" to be used for smoothing gravel or dirt roads. He plans to also donate the Rock Rake attachment for picking up any rocks that are brought to the surface. Lyle saw this need and expense and took action to help us. This gift is greatly appreciated and will be well used. Thank you, Lyle!

This summer, resident Vern Goding gave a large sum to our Police Dept. to cover the costs of body cameras and vehicle dash cameras. This donation is greatly appreciated by our Town. Vern also gave the Town an additional check of \$10,000 to cover the costs of upgrading our Police Dept. firearms to Glock 45 caliber pistols with holsters and needed accessories. Vern is a great example of someone who not only volunteers his time to help but finds a need and fills it. Thank you, Vern!

This month I am recognizing the efforts of the Holman family, residents on Dayton Blvd, who for countless years, have provided the best yard decorations for Halloween and Christmas for miles around. We appreciate their efforts and we all enjoy how they share their spirit and celebration. Thank you, Holman family!

With the COVID numbers finally leveling off, we are seeing improvements in our community. Continue to check on your neighbors who may be self-isolating. Our Adopt-a-neighbor program is still an important way for people to connect and have hope and a sense of community during this ongoing state of emergency. I have been impressed by the organization and resources the County implemented for helping people through these tough times. Check out the County website at [211brevard.org](http://211brevard.org) for relief available to citizens and businesses impacted economically by the pandemic.

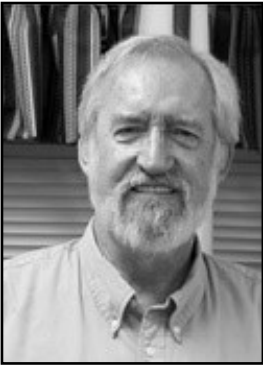
I want to thank the Commissioners, Committees, and staff who have worked with me these last two years to get things done. Without a team effort, none of these important projects would have been possible. With residents who care, we can accomplish anything. Thank you very much.

*Heidi Salmon, Mayor*

**TMV ELECTION 2020 \* TMV ELECTION 2020 \* TMV ELECTION 2020 — PAGES 2 & 3**

## On November 3, Villagers will vote for Town Commissioners. There are five candidates running and you can vote for up to three.

### David Sinton



attended Monkton Combe School in England where he rowed on the 1<sup>st</sup> VIII at Henley Royal Regatta for two years. He graduated from The Queen's University, Belfast, NI in 1966. He has forty years of experience in digital Geographic Information Systems, commencing with thirteen years at Harvard University Graduate School of Design, first as a student, graduating with a master's degree, and then as a faculty member. In 1979 he joined Intergraph Corporation where he ultimately became the systems engineering manager for Intergraph's contract on the Defense Mapping Agency's Digital Production System. In 1997 he retired and after seven years of independent consulting, he joined Harris Corporation, to pursue the Field Data Collection Automation contract for the 2010 Census.

When Brigitte and I moved to Melbourne Village, it was one of the best decisions we ever made. After twelve years of experience on the TMV town commission. I believe in a strong police presence to deter property crimes and traffic violations. I support the stormwater fees to keep our "ditch and swale" drainage system properly maintained. Also, I understand the intricacies of running a small town in the context of the mandate madness coming out of Tallahassee. I look forward to representing you for two more years.

### Tabitha Niemann



I am seeking the office of Town Commissioner. I am married to my high school sweetheart, a mom to two sweet girls and attempting a tiny homestead with a fledgling garden and a flock of hens. I have lived in Brevard County since 2007 (born and raised on the west coast of Florida), so the area isn't new to me, nor is the charm that is Melbourne Village. In fact, we spent ten years driving

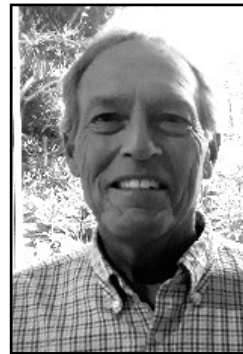
through the village looking at houses and dreaming of what life could look like here before we finally found our home and moved in nearly two years ago. It is the charm and idyllic nature of this town that drives me to want to be a part of its future.

Since moving in, I have joined as a Street Captain to assist before and after any potential storms, and I recently joined the traffic committee as I sought a way to have a voice in bettering the roads for all. We are an active family and walk/ride bikes nightly. Keeping our roads safe and open for all is important to me. I desire to see Melbourne Village as a welcoming place and look

forward to the days when we can again have summer camp for the kids, 4th of July parades, town picnics, root beer float parties, and caroling. In such a short time, I've had the joy of seeing all this and much more.

I want to serve in a way that can help maintain the integrity and intent of the initial plans founded in the 1940's while also taking care to address the problems and issues of today. We need to be taking steps and consciously planning for the future of our village, so that the children that are growing up in our neighborhood will have a place to return to and find respite.

### Peter McCharles



Good Day Neighbors, I've been a resident of Melbourne Village for eight years. As a member of the American Homestead Foundation since 2012, I have had the privilege of enjoying the Beauty, Friendship and Security of our exceptional community. During this period I have served as a member of the Information Committee, helping to produce the Villager for over two years, presently I am a member of the Budget and Finance Committee

helping to establish a working budget for the 17 plus committees within the AHF. However, my most cherished accomplishment and activity has been to act as chairman of the Pool Committee. Over two years ago as a member of the pool committee, we ran a survey to find out what our community thought of our community pool. We were told by the residents of TMV that the pool was a "looked like a not so nice 'Motel 6' pool area". After hearing this, we went into high gear and with the help of Arts and Crafts, Parks and Path committees, along with our hard work and sweat we upgraded the pool area to something we can be proud of today. After the exterior repairs, painting, cleaning and artwork, I decided to go for it all, we put out the word to accept bids and found a company that could replace our worn out filter system with a new one, at a reasonable cost: the AHF board agreed. Overseeing this operation with the guidance of the AHF board, has been an extremely rewarding experience. The result was establishing a cost efficient, well maintained, well built, safe recreational pool area that our community can be proud of. Jump right in, the water is great.

Presently, I would like to be as helpful, to the Town of Melbourne Village's operations as a commissioner, very aware the challenges will be different than those with the American Homestead Foundation. I bring with me thirty plus years of experience as executive management in resort operations all around the country. I served as a board member for 8 years with a Condominium association working to make the property the

best it could be. I also have experience as a licensed real estate agent in California and the Virgin Islands. My hopes now are to bring an open-minded learning attitude to the town commissioners table making fair-minded decisions for the good of our entire "Emerald of a town" Melbourne Village. I am an American first, a republican and I am pro police department.

**David A. Jones (Dave)**—I've been a resident of the Village for over 50 years. I attended Melbourne High School where I met my wife, Angela. We are proud parents of three daughters, who have all graduated from college, married and have their own families, including our own six grandchildren.

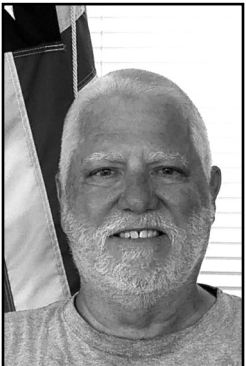


I earned a BS degree from UCF in Computer Science, graduating with highest honors, and have a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from FIT. From a career perspective, I worked locally for three high-tech companies – Scientific Systems Services/CTG, Identitech, and most recently L3Harris. Leadership positions include Project Manager, Sr Systems Architect, Program Manager, Director of Operations, and VP of IT Services. I have a Project Management Professional certification, a Florida real estate license and private pilot's license.

As a sports enthusiast, I have fond memories of playing college basketball and coaching voluntarily for numerous youth athletic teams over two decades – basketball, softball, volleyball, and soccer. This afforded me quality time with my daughters, where I learned that coaching was not so much about win-loss records, but rather about teaching, teamwork, and fair play.

I am currently a Town Commissioner. Over the years I have volunteered on the Permit & Inspection Committee, Code Enforcement Board, Town Review Board, and Recreation Committee. As your Commissioner, I want to continue contributing to the preservation of the Village, the spirit of neighborly support and service, and to see our small town thrive for years to come. I hope you'll consider voting for me. Please contact me at [dajonesfla@gmail.com](mailto:dajonesfla@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Fred Anderson**—Hi! I'm running for Melbourne Village Commissioner in November's election.



My wife Dee and I moved into our home on the north end of Acacia Ave 16 years ago after living in Indialantic and Ft. Lauderdale where we raised two sons. I retired five years ago after working for the Ford Motor Company for 32 years. These days you will see Dee and me riding our flag-adorned golf cart around the

village, picking up trash, saying hi to villagers and keeping an eye on things in general. Outside of town activities, my main hobbies are yard work and RV camping trips with Dee and our cats.

I regularly attend the monthly TMV Commission meetings and have done so for the last six years. In June, I was appointed interim commissioner and believe this opportunity, plus my regular attendance at the Commission meetings, gives me a good working knowledge of our town's day to day issues and the bigger challenges in our future. I am highly active in both TMV and AHF activities. I am a past member of the Town Traffic Committee until I resigned in June. I help the Hester Wagner Community House Committee and volunteer every year with Founders' Day festivities. Dee and I always participate in and help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and celebration as well.

As an AHF member, I regularly attend the Board of Trustee meetings and am an active member of Parks and Paths, Building and Grounds, and the Community Garden Committees. You may also see me helping the Nutting Wood Green, Recreation, or Deerhead Hammock Committees during workdays and activities.

Where else can you live where you know all your neighbors by name, and their dogs' names too? I enjoy being neighborly and helping others whenever I am needed. As your commissioner, I will listen to the concerns of neighbors and residents throughout the village so I can bring a diverse voice and neighborhood awareness to each commission meeting, discussion, and decision. I want the town to retain the qualities that made it the special place where we chose to live 16 years ago. I want residents to be proud of this unique town we call home.



**Melbourne Village Commissioner**  
**Comisionado de Melbourne Village**  
 (Vote for up to 3) (Vote por hasta 3)

- Fred Anderson
- David A. Jones
- Peter H. McCharles
- Tabitha Niemann
- David F. Sinton

# Crane Creek/M-1 Canal Flow Restoration Project



The St. Johns River Water Management District will soon begin the Crane Creek/M-1 Canal Flow Restoration Project, designed to reduce stormwater runoff flowing to the Indian River Lagoon.

The M-1 Canal is a century-old man-made flood control feature in Brevard County that serves Melbourne, West Melbourne, Melbourne Village (through our new Dayton Blvd Culvert) and portions of unincorporated Brevard County, diverting stormwater flow from 5,300 acres of the historic St. Johns River basin through Crane Creek to the Indian River Lagoon.

This project focuses on reducing nutrient and sediment loads to the Indian River Lagoon by treating and returning baseflows and storm flows back to the St. Johns River. Elevated levels of nutrients within runoff from this currently diverted watershed degrade lagoon water quality and provide fuel for algal blooms.

The project will include an operable weir within the M-1 Canal just east of Evans Road, a stormwater pump station, and a treatment area west of Interstate 95. The operable weir – which allows capture of runoff for the pump station – is engineered to have no impact to the existing flood control capability of the M-1 Canal.

## A Note from Willow Martin, Mayor-Elect

Dear Melbourne Village Residents,

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve our community as your new Mayor! Because I am running unopposed for office, I will be assuming responsibility for The Town of Melbourne Village in November 2020.

I, as many others, was sad to hear that Heidi Salmon would not be seeking a second term, and very much appreciate all her hard work and accomplishments! It is her dedication to our village that inspired me to seek the office of Mayor with the goal of



continuing our forward momentum into the future. I want to assure you that I will do my best to advance her efforts, and complete projects that are currently under her leadership.

In addition, I believe being an effective Mayor involves listening to the concerns of all our citizens, developing workable solutions, and building consensus to implement them fairly and successfully. I look forward to hearing from you to learn about what really matters to you, your ideas, concerns, and aspirations for our Village. See you in November!

With sincere appreciation,  
*Willow W. Martin, Mayor-Elect*  
Town of Melbourne Village

# 2020 Street Captains and Hurricane Help

By Sue Ditty

As we approach peak of hurricane season Melbourne Village has a volunteer corps of Street Captains ready to ensure every resident is checked on during a hurricane (or other significant crisis). The Town also has an Emergency Response Plan based on the four FEMA Guidelines of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Information about both of these topics can be found on the Town website, [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org).

Street Captains are a team of volunteers who contact neighbors before and after a hurricane strikes. You can recognize Street Captains by the **bright green buttons** we wear when going door to door. Due to COVID-19, we are taking necessary precautions and contacting neighbors by telephone whenever possible and always wearing a facemask when visiting.

Street Captains are officially activated when a hurricane *WATCH* is initiated for our area. We note which residents are staying or leaving, are dependent on electricity for health issues, or need help preparing for the storm. This information is used to guide our Police Department to perform house or wellness checks if needed. Post-storm, Street Captains will again check with residents to make sure everyone is okay, report a need for emergency power for health equipment, and let residents know there is help available at the town office or from the volunteer corps at the AHF building.

Street Captains report directly to Sue Ditty, who organizes and coordinates the appropriate response. Please call 911 if there is an emergency not your Street Captain. It is particularly important for residents to report any home or property damage directly to the town office so the municipality can apply for FEMA funds.

We still need a few Street Captains, preferably who live on northern Hammock Road, Dayton Blvd, and Jeannie Drive. These areas are currently covered but it would be helpful to have a local volunteer. Being a Street Captain is easy. Simply collect basic information on a short checklist (provided) and pass it on to Sue Ditty. That's it. We are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood and want to make sure no one suffers needlessly or has to worry about preparation or clean up after a damaging storm. If no severe hurricanes, then no need for Street Captains to be activated.

Please take a moment and identify who is likely to be your street captain by referencing the map on the town's hurricane website. Street captains reside at the lots marked solid green lot on the map.

Please contact Sue Ditty via email, text, or phone: [sditty@yahoo.com](mailto:sditty@yahoo.com), 321-626-7554 if you are willing to be a Street Captain or volunteer your services for pre- or post-storm response.

## Town Preparation for 2020 Hurricane Season

In addition to the Street Captain program, there is an ongoing effort by the Town to mitigate damage and prepare for a disaster before a storm strikes. In 2019 the Town Commission approved a Supplemental Emergency Response Plan which provides a clear outline of what to do before and after a significant Hurricane. Clearing swales and ditches, updating the website with pertinent information such as sandbag availability, hurricane reference material, and contact information are just some of the activities underway. Post-storm, the Town office has an emergency power generator and once it is safe for citizens to be out and about, the office will be open and staffed to address emergency requests, provide power for recharging electronics, and provide a respite from the heat. To enable the town to focus on storm response and interagency communication all resident activities listed above will shift to the AHF Hall as soon as possible. Safety guidance regarding COVID-19 precautions will be posted at entrances.

As the Town's Emergency Volunteer Coordinator, I am coordinating our volunteer response and activities. The goal is to match those who have a need with a resident(s) who can meet that need, such as installing storm shutters, or post-storm laundry, ice, manual labor for debris cleanup, and maybe even home-sharing if power is lost for several days. I am preparing a list of

volunteers now, before a storm strikes to minimize scrambling for solutions under duress. If you are willing to help in any way, contact Sue Ditty via email, text, or phone: [sditty@yahoo.com](mailto:sditty@yahoo.com), 321-626-7554. Contact information you share with me is confidential unless I receive your permission to share.

Emergency information, status, and news will be available on the Town website and "Nextdoor" if the Internet is available. If we experience significant power outages, signs will be posted on the Dayton Bulletin Board and several locations throughout the village announcing when the Town office and/or AHF Hall is open. Residents should come to the AHF Hall to get help or to take a breather in A/C.

For more information about the Town's hurricane preparation and emergency response plans, please read the two-page Supplementary Emergency plan on the Town website. The website has links to resources and more information regarding storm preparation and our Street Captain Program. [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org)

Please contact Sue Ditty via email, text, or phone: [sditty@yahoo.com](mailto:sditty@yahoo.com), 321-626-7554 if you are willing to be a Street Captain or volunteer your services to help with storm response.

# BE PREPARED

## HURRICANE SUPPLY LIST



### Check Boxes

- Prescription Medicine (two-week supply)
- Camera and Film
- Books, Magazines, and Games
- Ice Chest and Ice
- Disposable Plates, Glasses, and Utensils
- Manual Can Opener
- Battery-operated TV/Radio and Clock
- Spare Batteries
- Flashlights / Lantern
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers and Wipes
- Baby Food/Formula
- First Aid Kit
- Plastic Sheeting / Tarp
- Duct or Masking Tape
- Nails, Rope, Lumber, Tools
- Plastic Garbage Bags
- Insect Repellent, Sunscreen
- Disinfectant
- Soap and Detergent
- Bleach for Sterilization (unscented with hypochlorite, the only active ingredient)
- Tincture of Iodine, or Water Purification Tablets
- Rain Gear
- Fire Extinguisher
- Fuel for Generators and Cars
- Propane Gas (for grills)
- Charcoal and Lighter Fluid
- Waterproof Matches / Sterno
- Cash (ATMs may not work after the storm)

- Non-perishable FOOD
- Powdered Milk, Evaporated Milk
- Canned Meats / Fish (tuna, ham, etc.)
- Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- Dried Foods (spaghetti, rice, etc.)
- Canned Soups / Chili
- Dried Fruit and Nuts
- Cereal
- Crackers and Cookies
- Coffee and Tea
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pudding
- Pet Food and Medicine

### TIP

During hurricane season, supplies are key to protecting your family. Set aside at least one gallon of water per person - per day. For a family of four that would be 28 gallons to see you through one full week.



# DURING & AFTER STORM

## DURING THE STORM

- ▶ Stay inside until the hurricane passes. Make sure the storm has completely passed before going outside your house.
- ▶ Stay tuned to WESH 2 News for updates.
- ▶ Turn off circuit breakers if the power goes out. Leave one circuit breaker on with a lamp so you will know when power is restored.
- ▶ Do not use candles or kerosene lamps during the storm.
- ▶ As winds become more intense, go to your safe room and do not expose yourself to the hurricane's winds.
- ▶ Keep windows closed. It is a myth that opening a window on one side of the house will equalize pressure.
- ▶ If your house begins to sustain damage, cover yourself with a mattress and pillows. If your safe room is a bathroom with a bathtub, get in the tub under a mattress.
- ▶ Use the phone for urgent calls only. Don't use a land line phone if you hear thunder.
- ▶ If you're in a tall building, avoid the top floors as wind speeds are stronger the higher you go. Go to a safe room.



## AFTER THE STORM

- ▶ Use extreme caution. There may be dangerous situations all around you!
- ▶ If your house is damaged, move carefully to get out. Do not return until inspected by officials.
- ▶ Always supervise children.
- ▶ Do not drink the tap water until officials have announced it's safe.
- ▶ Avoid driving if possible because of debris and road blockage.
- ▶ If power is out, gasoline will be in short supply and filling stations will have long lines.
- ▶ At intersections with traffic lights out, treat it as a 4-way stop and use extreme caution.
- ▶ Phone lines and cell towers will be damaged or overloaded. Try making calls at "off peak" times.
- ▶ If power remains out for an extended period, FEMA will set up relief stations to provide free ice, water and other necessary items.

### TIP

When hurricanes strike Central Florida there is an increased risk of tornadoes. Be alert to these fast moving weather changes by keeping your weather radio turned on and tuned in. Also, rely on the WESH 2 First Alert Weather Team, WESH.com, and the WESH 2 App.

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

By George Tompkins, Town Superintendent

We welcome our new residents and would like to thank all volunteers and staff for your service and dedication to the community. It is almost time to say goodbye to hot summer days and hello to our snowbirds. Stay safe during this epidemic we are in, COVID-19, it won't last forever.

## We are now in the height of hurricane season.

Sandbags are available for residents at the Town office and there is a sandpile at the end of Hall Road. Please bring your own shovel as it is self-serve. Make sure your gas tanks are full, you have tarps available and batteries for flashlights and radios, etc. Perform a test run of your generator now to make sure it is in working order. Keep important papers together in a dry contain-

er and don't forget your pets shot records, as many shelters now allow pets. This will help reduce headaches after the storm. Remember, if you plan to evacuate, please inform the Town Police Department.

**Stormwater Maintenance** While our open ditch drainage system is environmentally friendly and was less costly to install than a system of concrete Storm drains and pipes, it is more maintenance intensive. The ditches and swales must be cleaned and regraded periodically to maintain the correct elevation. We have spent much of the past 18 months working on our restoration plan and will finish with Canal Rd., Ward Pkwy., Blue Jay La. and Towhee Dr. during the next few months.

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

For current information about the COVID-19 in Brevard, and resources available to people who are impacted, call **2-1-1** between 8am and 6pm or visit:

[www.brevardfl.gov/emergency-event/covid-19/status-reports](http://www.brevardfl.gov/emergency-event/covid-19/status-reports)

This website is updated daily with current statistics and information, including:

- Assistance Programs
- Businesses (i.e. Small business Loans, Restaurant, Bar and Nightclub Guidelines)
- Mass and Social Gatherings
- Residents
- Schools

Testing Sites — visit:

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/testing-sites/>

For Centers of Disease Control and Prevention updates, visit [www.brevardfl.gov/emergency-event/covid-19/status-reports](http://www.brevardfl.gov/emergency-event/covid-19/status-reports)

FPL to offer direct relief to customers including those significantly behind on bills due to COVID-19. Visit: <https://www.fpl.com/coronavirus.html>

**The Town Office is Open**

**M-F 9:30 am-3:30 pm**

**To minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19:**

**Wearing a mask is required.**

**Telephone 321-723-8300**

**[deputyclerk@melbournevillage.org](mailto:deputyclerk@melbournevillage.org)**

**[town@melbournevillage.org](mailto:town@melbournevillage.org)**

**Use the drop box as needed.**



**Melbourne Village  
Police Department**

**EMERGENCY Dispatch - 911**

**Non-emergency Dispatch - 639-7532**

(for response from officer on duty as soon as available)

**Select Option 4 (press 4)**

Office - 725-7224 (for administration, records requests, etc.)

We Still Make House Calls and House Checks

## COMPUTERS AND YOUR KIDS

Back to School Preparations:

- 1) Create or review schedules for online time, but remember to be flexible
- 2) Update your child's passwords, software, and apps
- 3) Talk to your children about inappropriate content and how to deal with it



# DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR THAT?

The Town of Melbourne Village issues and requires permits for a variety of activities. Reasons for permits range from ensuring that codes are met to making sure that the Public Safety department is aware of planned activities. Insurance companies and prospective home buyers check to see if permits for roofs, electrical work, air-conditioner replacements, etc. were issued. All required permits are provided for by Town Code and adopted by the Melbourne Village Town Commission.



## Types of Permits Issued

**Building Permits** — Almost all construction, from pouring a patio to building a new house, requires a permit. A good rule of thumb is that anything structural, electrical, or requiring a wind load factor/requirement for Hurricanes will need a permit and an inspection. Construction in the Town is governed by the Florida Building Code and Town Codes, (See Ordinance 2012-01). Building permits are valid for one year and may be renewed. Fees depend on the type and value of construction. Time for review and issuance ranges from one day for a simple air-conditioning unit replacement to several weeks for major construction. In addition to those for new construction, permits are required for, but not limited to, the following:

- **Additions to your home, additions to or a new garages/carports\***
- **Any electrical or plumbing work which relocates outlets or fixtures or runs new lines**
- **Arbors or Trellises (large ones require a permit to verify that wind load and anchoring meet State code)**
- **Electrical service upgrades**
- **Fences**
- **Replacement of air-conditioner/heater units**
- **Re-roofing**
- **Septic and drainfield replacement and repairs. You will also need a permit from Brevard-County before applying for a Town permit.**

- **Sheds\***
- **Slabs, patios, decks and driveways\* (Note: Paver driveways and walkways, if set in sand, not concrete, do not need a permit.)**
- **Windows, exterior door, and garage door replacement**

**\*Please note:** any time you are increasing your properties overall building (roofed) or other impermeable (non-roofed) "footprint", (i.e. as decks, concrete, pavement,) you may have to meet our Responsible Growth Ordinance 2012-01 provisions at [www.MelbourneVillage.ORG](http://www.MelbourneVillage.ORG) or contact the Town Office for details.

**Tree Removal Permits** — A permit is required for the removal of any tree. This includes pines, palms, dead trees, and trees on the State Pest Plant list. Tree removal permits are either \$25 or no-cost, depending on the tree and reason for removal, and are valid for one year. A replacement tree may need to be planted. The permits require 2 to 7 days for review and can only be approved for reasons stated in Ordinance 2008-01, which can be viewed at [www.MelbourneVillage.ORG](http://www.MelbourneVillage.ORG)

**Garage Sales** — Each household may hold up to two garage sales per year, for two days each. The fee is \$5 for the first and \$10 for the second within 12 months (calendar year). Garage sale permits can be issued on application with no delay and are valid for any 2 day period within 15 days of issuance.

**Business Tax** — A Business Tax Receipt is required by any person engaging in or managing any business, occupation, or profession in the Town. This includes businesses operated from a residential address, for which the fee is \$20. Commercial business tax fees vary depending on the type and size of the business. Application for a Business Tax Receipt must be approved by the Town Commission and are renewed annually in October.

**Signs** — Unless exempted, (Town Code chapter 16.5) signs require a permit approved by the Planning & Zoning Board and are no cost in residential zones. Commercial zone sign permits are governed by a separate code. *Political Signs must be placed in your yard, not in the Town Right of Way.*

## What Happens If I Don't Get A Permit?

Penalties for failure to obtain a required permit in advance range from a doubled permit fee to fines of up to \$500 per day or occurrence. Other penalties, costs, and requirements may be imposed, depending on the nature of the offense. The Building Official can require that un-permitted work be torn down or exposed for inspection, in addition to fines. If you are not sure whether a permit is required for something you are planning, please contact the Town office

Permit applications are available on the Town Website, [MelbourneVillage.ORG](http://MelbourneVillage.ORG) or from the Town office.

# Police Department News

By Gary Loos, Chief of Police

The Melbourne Village Police Department is enjoying technological growth that will benefit the whole community because of new equipment and procedures. This is happening with the help of our own officers and donations from one of our volunteers.

To increase our accessibility to the community when we are not present in the office, we have posted my name and cell phone number and the on-duty officer's name and his assigned cell phone number.

A federal government grant has enabled us to purchase driver's license scanners. These allow our officers to information accurately and quickly into accident report and traffic citations or warnings. This will reduce errors that may occur when an officer transposes information by hand from one document to another; it also increases time efficiency in gathering information.

Thanks to exceptional work by Tom Wallace, one of our sergeants, a deal was made to trade in old used radar and laser units for two new moving radar systems for the patrol cars.

After seeing the importance of video documentation, Vern Goding, a civilian who has volunteered with our police department for more than 17 years, very gener-

ously donated over \$15,000. To cover the installation of line In-Car Video systems and body cameras in all three patrol cars. These systems have been ordered and should be arriving in a few weeks.

Last October, I applied for a grant from FDLE and the federal government to fund new radios for the police department. We were facing the need for new radios due to a county-wide upgrade. In February, I received grant approval in the amount of \$48,830.00 to pay for our new radios in entirety. At no cost to the residents of Melbourne Village, we have installed four new patrol car police radios and issued each officer with individual handheld radios, replacing our entire antiquated communication systems.

Taran Radig was named Officer of the year for 2019. Sadly, Officer Radig left us for employment with the West Melbourne Police Department. We will miss him and wish him the best.

Our website, [www.MelbourneVillagePolice.org](http://www.MelbourneVillagePolice.org) has been updated with photographs of each officer and new facts and resources. We will continue to work on improvements, so if there is something you would like to see posted, please let me know.

## Road Safety for Bicyclists and Pedestrians

With the reopening of Dayton Boulevard and the open flow of traffic through the Village again, it is time to remind residents of certain State Laws. The following are highlights of the most misunderstood violations. There are traffic safety laws that relate to persons on bicycles and pedestrians alike. The STATE FINE for pedestrian/bicycle violations is \$67.50 civil penalty. Add another \$52.50 in court costs if a cited person takes it to court and is found guilty.

*These excerpts from the bicycle/pedestrian laws are frequently misunderstood. There are many more laws concerning juveniles and helmets and crossing roads at intersections to name a few. I hope this information will help you understand the laws as they are applied.*

### **316.2065 Bicycle Regulations.**

(1) Every person propelling a vehicle by human power has all of the rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter, except as to special regulations in this chapter, and except as to provisions of this chapter which by their nature can have no application.

What the above means is that every bicyclist must obey the traffic laws that apply to the driver of a motor vehicle. Stop at stop signs, stay to the right of the center of the road, yield to pedestrians etc. There are several more laws that are bicycle specific, some of which follow.

(5)(a) Any person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and

place and under the conditions then existing shall ride in the lane marked for bicycle use or, if no lane is marked for bicycle use, as close as practicable to right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following situations:

(6) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway may not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two abreast may not impede traffic when traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing and shall ride within a single lane.

(7) Every bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with a lamp on the front exhibiting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and a lamp and reflector on the rear each exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of 600 feet to the rear.

### **316.130 Pedestrians; traffic regulations**

(4) Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel, facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

(10) Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

# BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION

## Town Committees Need Volunteers



Did you know that the Town has many active Boards and Committees that rely on resident Volunteers, many of which are in the need of new members? Some meet regularly and others only as needed. Please contact the Town Office to learn more or if you are interested in volunteering. They are:

**Beautification Committee** reports on methods, concepts, and specific plans to improve the general appearance of the planting and landscaping of public property in Melbourne Village. Meets as needed.

**Board of Adjustment** is established to hear appeals of decisions rendered by zoning administrators. interpret unclear provisions in the zoning ordinance. decide on applications by landowners to permit buildings or land uses which vary from the zoning regulations.

**Code Enforcement Committee** enforces town codes, including, but not limited to, occupational license, fire, building, zoning, litter, environmental, animal control, abandoned property, land use and sign codes and ordinances. Meets as needed.



The Town Commission will be approving the FY 20/21 budget following the Public Hearing on Thursday, September 24.

**Finance Committee** provides **financial** analysis, advice, and oversight of the Town budget. Their sole responsibility is to ensure the organization is operating with the **financial** resources it needs to provide programs and services to the community. Meets monthly.

**Hester Wagner Community House Renovation Workshop** evaluates needs for remodeling, renovation, and restoration of the building to improve its use as a public event venue. Meets as needed.

**Permits and Inspections Committee** is responsible for reviewing applications for permits, issue permits, works with the building official. Meets as needed.

**Planning & Zoning/LPA** conducts the comprehensive planning program and prepare the comprehensive plan or elements or portions thereof for the Town of Melbourne Village. Meets as needed.

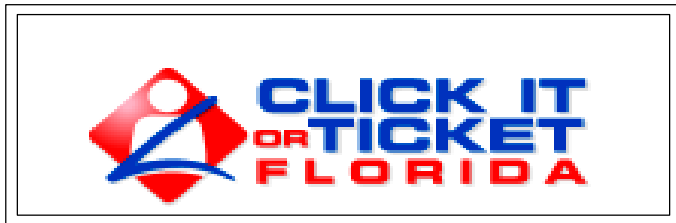
**Town Review Board** is designed to maintain those features of residential neighborhoods specifically identified by Town residents and the Town Commission as core community values. Meets as needed.

### TRAFFIC ON WEST PINE

Action solving the traffic issue on West Pine is on hold while the Traffic Committee collects more information. Meetings will be posted.



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555 Hammock Road  
Melbourne Village, FL 32904



## Solid Waste Collection Information

**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 and 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 at 723-8300.

**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:

Town of Melbourne Village  
555 Hammock Rd

Melbourne Village, FL 32904

email: [town@melbournevillage.org](mailto:town@melbournevillage.org)

phone: 321-723-8300

Website: [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org)

Contact the Office and Commissioners at

[Deputyclerk@melbournevillage.org](mailto:Deputyclerk@melbournevillage.org)

***Regular Town Commission Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Town Office.***

## The Town Commission

MAYOR	Heidi Salmon <a href="mailto:TMVMayor@gmail.com">TMVMayor@gmail.com</a>
VICE MAYOR	Rand Carroll
COMMISSIONERS	Fred Anderson Valerie Calenda David Jones Gerda Murphy David Sinton