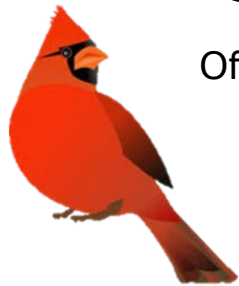


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## July 2023

### Mayor's Report

by Sue Ditty

It's mid-summer and the Town is in the early stages of our budget process and planning for next year. We've included financial information in this issue to keep you informed of what's happening, decisions to be made, and the effects on residential and Town costs. I hope you find the graphs, charts, and Frequently Asked Questions and Answers helpful.

One of the most important decisions facing the Town is the level of Law Enforcement presence we want and what are we willing to pay for it. We, all of us, must decide whether to continue our contract with BCSO or move to a Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU). If you haven't attended the Law Enforcement Workshops, the Mayor's Town Halls, or Commission meetings over the last 6 months, you may not know that the Town is no longer considering funding our own police department. Like most other small towns and cities across the country, we just can't afford it. While we *could* withdraw money from our reserves to pay for salaries, training, equipment, and other expenses, our Town would be bankrupt in a few years and then we wouldn't have a Town or a police department. It is more important to have self-rule and utilize the Brevard County Sherriff's Department than to be another unincorporated area.

The next Law Enforcement Workshop will be Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in the AHF Hall, when we will host Pat Reilly, the Mayor of Malabar. Over several years, Malabar transitioned from having their own police department, to a service contract, and now have an MSTU. We aren't trying to mimic Malabar, but I hope his perspective based on their experience will be beneficial. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to attend.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the residents who donated the American flags to the Town and placed them along our entrances in recognition of Memorial Day. We will display these flags on appropriate holidays throughout the

year. Please see the information on page 2 regarding the upcoming Veteran's Recognition Ceremony on 11/11/23.

One last topic I'd like to touch on as we move into the current election cycle, and then on to the National Election, is political flags. I have received many complaints about flags that display or suggest profanity. While these flags are legally protected by the U.S. Constitution and the Supreme Court, I appeal to our residents' sense of decency and neighborly respect and ask them to consider that just because something is legally permissible to do does not make it a good idea. Thank you. Let's keep the conversation going!



## SAVE THE DATE!

  
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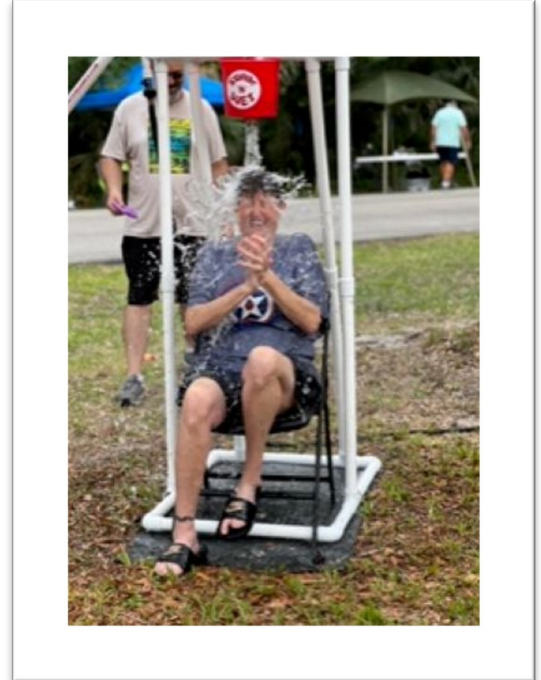
**LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP**  
**W/ MALABAR MAYOR PAT REILLY**  
**SATURDAY JULY 22**  
**10 AM – 12 PM**  
**AHF HALL**

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# Founders Day 2023!

by Bridget Foster

Our annual Founders' Day celebration was a tremendous success this year! This event brought together residents of all ages for a day of fun, food, and festivities. From the delicious food and drinks to the toe-tapping live music, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The outpouring of community spirit was in full force as families, friends, and neighbors gathered to celebrate the rich history of our town and create some cherished memories. We ate, we played, we danced, and we dunked the Mayor! This day not only paid homage to our Town's remarkable heritage and the visionary Founding Mothers who laid its foundations, but also fostered stronger bonds among neighbors, ensuring that the legacy of the founders continues to thrive for generations to come. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Founders' Day a memorable event! Also, since Founders' Day is always held on the last full weekend in April, go ahead and *save the date for next year: April 28, 2024!*



## Honoring Melbourne Village Veterans

Villagers, please join us Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 12:30pm at the Town Hall for a brief ceremony, and then we will take our Melbourne Village Veterans and their spouse/guest (free of charge) to visit the American Muscle Car Museum. [www.americanmusclecarmuseum.com](http://www.americanmusclecarmuseum.com)



Located on Sarno Road, this museum contains one of the largest private collections of muscle cars ranging from the 1950s to the 1970s. The showroom is absolutely impeccable; the collection is stunning.

Please rsvp to the Town Office: 321 723-8300 or email: [deputyclerk@melbournvillage.org](mailto:deputyclerk@melbournvillage.org)



# From Brevard County Sheriff's Office

by Lt. Brandon Gish

We are pleased to again report that Melbourne Village remains one of the safest communities in the county. Our deputies have responded to various calls for service, and absent any significant events to report, our activity in your community has been primarily focused on proactively regulating traffic and patrolling your neighborhood streets. Please remember, if something looks out of place, it often is, and we will respond to investigate upon request. Please do not hesitate to call if something appears suspicious. If you see something, say something.

Some common fraud trends we would like you to be aware of involve criminals targeting victims by calling them on the phone and using various deceptive tactics to convince a would-be victim to withdraw money from their bank or to purchase gift cards. Never withdraw money or purchase gift cards for someone over the phone prior to verifying the call's legitimacy, even if the caller presents an emergency situation to you. Please feel free to contact the Sheriff's Office at any time to verify credibility of these types of calls.

It has been an honor to be a part of your community. We are grateful for the welcome that we have received and look forward to the future in service to your residents.



**Friendly Reminder!**

**HOW HOT IS TOO HOT FOR A DOG'S PAWS?**

Air Temp.	Asphalt Temp.
77°F	125°F
86°F	135°F
87°F	143°F

Press your hand against the pavement for 7-8 seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them!



## Fertilizing & Watering

by Bridget Foster

Just a brief reminder to all Melbourne Village residents: Brevard County and Melbourne Village ordinances prohibit the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorus on turf, landscape plants, and saturated soils during the "restricted application period" defined as June 1 to September 30. During this time, only "no phosphate fertilizers" as defined in Rule 5E-1.003(2) may be applied in the absence of a verified tissue deficiency by approved testing methodology of the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (UF/IFAS). Remember: this fertilizer reduction is just one part of the process by which we reduce excess nutrients entering the Indian River Lagoon and restore ecosystem health.

Also, as the weather warms, another reminder about watering regulations and restrictions: All watering must be done between midnight and 8am, or between 6pm and midnight, and only once per day on your designated day. All odd-numbered addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays. All even-numbered addresses may water on Thursdays and Sundays. Hand watering and low-volume irrigation (eg: soaker hose or drip irrigation) of plant material *other than lawns or turf grass* may be done any day at any time.

# Law Enforcement Q&A

## Why can't we afford to reinstate MVPD?

While underpaid, they still cost >50% of our annual budget in FY21-22. We can't afford to pay, train, and equip enough officers. We would have to spend down our reserves and we would be out of money in 5-8 years. We would have no police force, no town, and no self-rule. We would have no choices.

## What is a service contract?

A service contract is a contract between Melbourne Village and BCSO whereby they provide coverage by one deputy from approximately 6am until approximately 6pm (12-hour semi-flexible shift) coverage. After 6pm, they will routinely patrol Melbourne Village and other municipalities in the south district. They are available on-call as they have always been, even back when we had our own police department. Nighttime coverage has not changed in TMV.

## What is an MSTU?

A Municipal Service Taxing Unit is the creation of a special taxing district (in this case Melbourne Village) in order to provide a service (in this case law enforcement). Like the Fire Department, it's a county service. Municipal Service Taxing Units (MSTUs) are funded by the collection of ad valorem taxes. Ad valorem taxes are based on the taxable value of the subject property. Deputies would randomly patrol the village as they currently do in the evenings, being on-call 24/7.

## Can we sign a longer, multi-year service contract to either lower the percentage increase or lock it in for a period of time?

No. BCSO only offers yearly contracts.

## Do we have more services with the service contract than with an MSTU?

No. All BCSO services are available to residents under either plan. These services include anti-bullying education, child safety checks, domestic violence awareness, drug awareness, drug task force, vacation house checks, household safety checks, self-defense class, personal safety presentations, etc. These and more are available at no extra cost regardless of plan choice.

## Do we still get activity reports from BCSO with the service contract or an MSTU?

Yes, whichever model we choose, we will still get monthly reports at our regular commission meetings.

## At what point does the service contract increase to the cost of MVPD?

Assuming the \$250k annual cost does increase 4% each year, in 15 years it will cost ~\$450k. As homes are sold in the village, our tax base will also increase, but there is no way to know by how much. Therefore, we can't give a percent-of-budget number. There is also no guarantee that the limit increase will remain at 4%.

## If we continue a service contract, do we receive any credit for the vehicles we've donated?

The vehicles were free to the Town because they were obtained via a grant. A requirement of the grant was that they be in active use by law enforcement. We had to pass them on or pay for them. We aren't out any money on the cars.

## So will an MSTU cost me, personally, less than the service contract?

The MSTU rate is set by the Brevard County Commission each year. The 2022-2023 rate is .9660. To calculate your cost of an MSTU at the current rate, see your most recent tax bill to obtain your current taxable value. Then use this formula:

Taxable value ÷ 1,000 x 0.966 = annual cost of MSTU for your household.

## If we choose an MSTU, will I pay less in taxes? Will the millage rate lower?

A portion of the cost of the MSTU would be offset for most residents by a likely reduction in millage rate. The millage rate is determined based upon the town's budgetary needs, which includes the town's cost for law enforcement. Under an MSTU, the town would no longer have to budget for law enforcement, as the county would pay BCSO directly.

## How large is the MSTU coverage area?

Our MSTU coverage area is from Aurora Rd. to Palm Bay Rd.

## With an MSTU, how many deputies are dedicated to the south district on a given day?

If we had an MSTU, our coverage area would be located inside the south district. According to BCSO, the south district currently has 67 deputies, but they don't all patrol at once. Every attempt is made to have 16 deputies on the day shift and 16 deputies on the night shift. This number varies if some deputies are on sick leave or vacation.



## Law Enforcement Q&A continued ...

**Does BCSO intend to hire more deputies, thereby increasing the number of deputies on patrol for a given shift?**

Yes, they currently have several openings to fill.

**What are BCSO response times if we call 911?**

Calls are prioritized depending on severity of emergency. BCSO prides themselves on having reasonable response times because they can break away from what they're doing in order to respond if necessary. Also, West Melbourne can be called in if their response time is shorter and the emergency requires a rapid response.

**Would BCSO consider using our MVPD office as a precinct, thereby facilitating them remaining close even with an MSTU?**

BCSO would welcome the use of that space, but the deputies tend to park wherever is convenient to do their paperwork while on duty, so it would be a convenience to them only on occasion.

**With MSTU, is there a set number of times they would patrol the village daily?**

No, because it varies by how many deputies are on duty for that shift and the priority of the calls they receive in other municipalities as well as how many deputies those calls require. We can still expect to see patrols, but frequency and times of day will vary.

**If we go with an MSTU, is there still a BCSO traffic enforcement department that would help with the speeding issue?**

Yes, we would have access to that program whichever model we choose.

**Does the police car decoy program work and will it continue?**

Many residents report seeing cars slow down when they see an MVPD or BCSO car parked in the village. Eventually the cars will wear out and at that time, the current commission would vote on whether or not to replace them with new or used cars and have them striped with decals.

	<b>Service Contract</b>	<b>MSTU</b>
# of deputies 6am-6pm	1 deputy, if not called away	11-16 on call in south precinct
# of deputies 6pm-6am	11-16 on call in south precinct	11-16 on call in south precinct
# of patrols per day:	Varies, but "at least one"	Varies, but "at least one"
Response time:	"Very short" if in the village, supplemented by WMPD	Varies by availability, supplemented by WMPD
911 response time:	Prioritized by urgency, and includes areas outside TMV	Prioritized by urgency, and includes south precinct
Access to all BCSO resources and services:	Yes	Yes
Monthly activity reports:	Yes	Yes
Traffic enforcement:	Yes	Yes
Mounted patrol:	Yes	Yes
Annual cost to TMV:	\$250k, 4% annual increase limit	\$0
Annual cost per household:	Varies, based on taxable value of home and TMV millage rate, which is currently 9.4381. Expressed as a portion of your taxes paid to TMV	Varies, based on taxable value of home and current MSTU millage rate, which is currently 0.9660
Cost per year		
Upper end example: (@\$600k taxable value)	$\$600,000 \div 1,000 = \$600$ $\$600 \times 9.4381 = \$5662.86$	$\$600,000 \div 1,000 = \$600$ $\$600 \times 0.9660 = \mathbf{\$579.60}$
	$\$5662 \times .23 (23\%) = \mathbf{\$1302.26}$	
Lower end example: (@\$35k taxable value)	$\$35,000 \div 1,000 = \$35$ $\$35 \times 9.4381 = \$330.34$	$\$35,000 \div 1,000 = \$35$ $\$35 \times 0.9660 = \mathbf{\$33.81}$
	$\$330.34 \times .23 (23\%) = \mathbf{\$75.98}$	

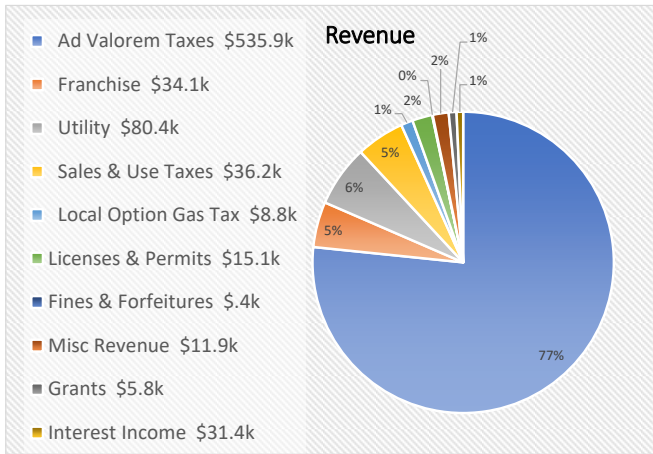


## Golf Cart Legislation Update!

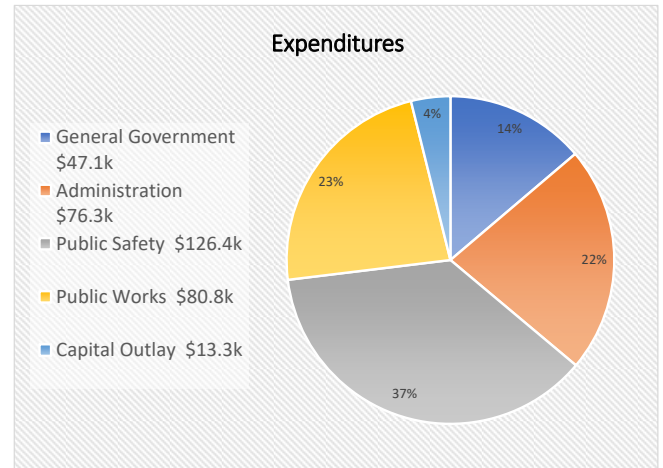
There is a new statewide law that tightens restrictions for teens driving golf carts on all public roads. As of July 1, 2023, all golf cart drivers must be at least 15 with a learner's permit (aka: no 14-year-old learner's-permitted drivers), or 16 with a driver's license (aka: 16 year olds must have a driver's license). Anyone 18 or older must have a valid government-issued ID to drive a golf cart (driver's license or state ID). No one, regardless of age, is allowed to drive a golf cart without proper identification.

# TMV Budget Information

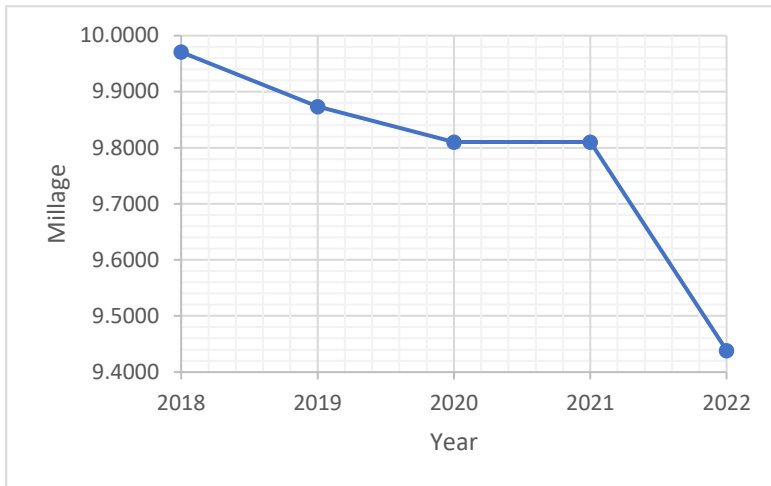
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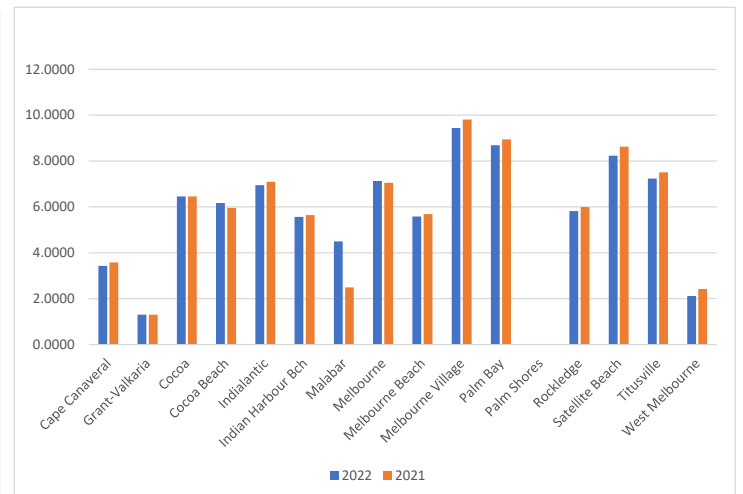
TMV Expenditure  
Oct. 1, 2022 to Mar. 31, 2023



## TMV Historical Millage Rate 2018-2022



## Brevard Co. Millage by City



## From the Desk of the Town Clerk

by Heather Roberts

I am happy to be the full-time Clerk/Treasurer for approximately the past six months. During this time, the administration staff and I have been diligently streamlining our office processes and procedures. We are proud to say we finalized our fiscal year end 2022 audit early this year and are making great efforts to focus on upcoming required deadlines. Our next main focus will be preparing, reviewing, and finalizing the Town's fiscal year end 2023 budget. This process includes meetings with the Finance Committee and Commissioners over the next several months. The meetings will be listed on the monthly calendars posted on the Town's Website, the Town Hall notice board, and the Dayton bulletin board. In addition, I recently attended the first annual Florida League of Cities Insurance Summit. This event provided training and education for insurance, risk management, and human resources. The summit also provided vital information regarding the current Florida insurance market and how it relates to the Town. Overall, the seminar ensured we have the necessary expertise to assist the Town in making informed future insurance decisions.

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Stay informed about key ordinances that impact your daily life by visiting our town website! From building codes to fireworks, you'll find some of the important rules and regulations that shape our community. You will also find upcoming events, meeting announcements, WastePro pickup updates, contact information for all your elected officials, and more! Explore our website at [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org) to familiarize yourself with the wealth of resources and valuable information available to you.



# News from the TMV Office

by Chanda Kelley and Marissa Levine

Something is new in Melbourne Village, and we are delighted to share it with all our villagers. Our office has received a makeover. We have been modernized, with newly painted walls and waxed floors that are now gleaming. As of November, we have new desks that help us work more efficiently. We have scanned, filed, and processed all old documents and building permits. Plans to reorganize the record room, making it more efficient and freeing up additional space, are also in the works.

Come see the new look for 2023. Stop by, share your concerns, or just stop by for a friendly hello. Town of Melbourne Village tee shirts are still available for purchase at \$20. We are also taking orders if your size is not available as well. Our office is open 9:30-3:30 Monday through Friday. We look forward to meeting you all, answering your questions and sharing your concerns.



TMV T-shirts still available!  
Contact the town office to purchase yours!

## Guide to Property Improvements

by Ondine Constable

Are you planning building projects or improvements on your property? Studying the codes pertaining to your property lot and zone will guide your design process. Talk with Chanda, our helpful Deputy Clerk at the Town Office. She'll give you a permit application or direct you to the information you need. Be sure you have your approved permit *before* scheduling your contractor (or doing the work yourself). You can find the Melbourne Village building codes on the town website, [www.melbournevillage.org](http://www.melbournevillage.org).

Depending on the details of your project, you might need to meet with the Town Review Board (TRB) before getting your permit approved. What to bring to the TRB? A current survey of your property and a Site Plan showing the proposed building or addition with setbacks measured from the front, sides and back of your property the TRB might be able to approve the plan as-is, or they might advise mitigation points to lessen the impact of your project (for example, changing the size or location of the structure, or planting shrubbery as a visual barrier). If the TRB can't approve your plan and it can't be resolved with mitigation points, you can schedule a hearing with the Board of Adjustments (BOA) to request a variance to the code. While there's no guarantee the BOA can approve your project, they are charged with carefully considering the circumstances unique to your property which may justify a variance.

Through codes and permits, we can thoughtfully develop our properties according to our needs and lifestyle, while respecting our neighbors and staying true to the character of our community.

## Beautification Committee Adopt-An-Island Program and Fundraiser

by Celia Byrnes

The TMV Beautification Committee takes care of the two entryways to Melbourne Village in addition to the many islands and right-of-ways in the town. This is a large task for a small committee, so we are looking for folks to adopt an island. You can adopt an area near your home and propose your own design! We can supply the plants, support the installation, and provide some maintenance. Designs need to accommodate line-of-sight for traffic and maintain a two foot grass border for easy mowing.

We also have wood cardinals for sale as a fundraiser! Decorate your mailbox or bench and support our efforts! Cost is \$5 each.

Please contact Celia Byrnes at 832-499-5577 if you would like to adopt an island or a cardinal... or both!



# Code Enforcement FAQs

## **Q: What exactly is code enforcement, and why is it important? Why do we need a code enforcement board and officer?**

A: Code enforcement is a process to ensure that properties in our town meet the standards outlined in our building codes, zoning regulations, and other ordinances. In turn, this promotes public safety, protects property values, and maintains the overall quality of life in our town. Note: on May 1, 2023, the Code Enforcement Board members agreed that their priority is compliance vs enforcement.

## **Q: What types of issues can trigger a code enforcement inspection or violation?**

A: There are various issues that can trigger a code enforcement inspection or violation notice for homeowners. Some common examples include:

1. Building or structural violations: Including unsafe or deteriorating buildings, inadequate electrical or plumbing systems, or illegal construction without proper permits.
2. Zoning violations: A property being used in a manner that does not comply with local zoning regulations.
3. Health & safety violations: Violations related to unsanitary conditions, conditions that invite pests, or improper waste disposal.
4. Exterior property maintenance: Broken windows, dangerously dilapidated sheds, abandoned boats, etc...

## **Q: What should homeowners do if they receive a code enforcement violation notice?**

A: If you receive a code enforcement violation notice:

1. Read carefully to understand specific violation(s) and the timeline for addressing the issue.
2. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer to seek clarification, ask questions, and discuss any concerns.
3. Assess the violation and plan to rectify the issue within the given timeframe. If necessary, consult with contractors for assistance.
4. Take corrective measures to bring your property into compliance. Document your efforts and keep records of any permits, inspections, or repairs.
5. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer to request a re-inspection to verify that the issue has been resolved.

## **Q: Can homeowners appeal a code enforcement violation?**

A: Yes, if you believe it has been issued in error or if there are extenuating circumstances. Review the instructions provided on the violation notice or contact the Code Enforcement Board for guidance. Remember, there are deadlines for filing an appeal.

## **Q: How can homeowners proactively avoid code enforcement violations?**

A: To minimize the risk of code enforcement violations, homeowners can take the following proactive measures:

1. Stay informed. Familiarize yourself with local building codes, zoning regulations, and property maintenance requirements.
2. Obtain necessary permits before starting any construction or renovation projects.
3. Regularly inspect and maintain your property, including the exterior, plumbing, and electrical systems.
4. Be a good neighbor. Respect zoning regulations and be mindful of how your property use may impact your neighbor's right to peaceful enjoyment of their property.
5. Ask questions. If you need clarification on specific issues, contact the Code Enforcement Board.

## **Q: Which codes will be enforced?**

A: The simple answer is "all of them." If there are any specific codes that we as residents *do not* want enforced, then that would need to be brought before the Commission for consideration.

## **Q: Are we becoming "like an HOA"?**

A: We understand that code enforcement can raise concerns about the potential for our community to become like an HOA. We want to assure you that code enforcement and HOAs are separate entities with different purposes and objectives.

A homeowners' association (HOA) is formed by real estate developers at the time of new construction. These developers create covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) describing how the HOA will operate and what rules homeowners must abide by. Their purpose is to assure new home buyers that *in to the absence of historical data*, "certain conditions" will apply to the newly built development, such as disallowing street parking, regulating the hours you can have trash cany out for pickup, whether you can repair your vehicle in your yard, whether bikes, kayaks, and barbeque grills may be visible from the street right-of-way, etc.

Conversely, Code Enforcement is not intended to place additional restrictions on residents above what is already in place, maintaining standards for the betterment of all. Rest assured, the purpose of Code Enforcement is to address issues that may pose risks to health and safety, violate zoning laws, or negatively impact the overall livability of our town. By complying with regulations and addressing any violations promptly, we contribute to the well-being of our neighborhood, protect our property values and maintain the unique character of Melbourne Village.



The difference between the American Homesteading Foundation (AHF) and the Town of Melbourne Village (TMV) can be confusing. Here is a chart to help you understand the features of each entity. **Thank you, AHF Information Committee for permission to share!**

	<b>American Homesteading Foundation (AHF)</b>	<b>Town of Melbourne Village (TMV)</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	The AHF provides an environment conducive to creative living. It offers, on a non-profit basis, community facilities, park lands, and AHF sponsored activities. Membership is optional. It's the secret spice that makes Melbourne Village so special!	TMV ensures the community abides by local/state/federal law, provides public safety and public works.
<b>Established</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>1957</b>
<b>Legal Entity</b>	<b>Corporation</b>	<b>Charter from State of Florida</b>
<b>Population</b>	261 memberships	population 681 (2020 census) households ~323
<b>Leadership (elected; unpaid)</b>	President & Board of Trustees (9)	Mayor & Town Commissioners (7)
<b>Funding</b>	Initial fee \$500, Annual dues \$125, Rental income; Investment income	Property taxes, Various fees, Grants, Investment income
<b>Social Events</b>	Movie Night, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Children Camp, Christmas Party, Hallowe'en Party, Craft Fair, Annual Dinner, CardinalBucks	Founders' Day / Ice Cream Social Veterans Day Appreciation Halloween Trunk or Treat
<b>Paid Employees</b>	2 Office staff 1 Maintenance tech	3 Office staff 2 Public Works 1 Code Enforcement Officer (pending)
<b>Volunteers</b>	19 active Committees	2 Committees & 3 Boards
<b>Other Paid Contractors</b>	Attorney CPA Pool Maintenance	Brevard County Sheriff's Dept. Building Official Town Engineer Attorney CPA
<b>Event Space for Rent</b>	AHF Hall	Hester Wagner Community House
<b>Gardens and Parks</b>	Community Garden, Memory Garden, Nutting-Wood Green, Deerhead Hammock, Erna Nixon Hammock, Martin Woods, Wildflower Meadow, Lake Arthur Tippie Park, Azalea Park, Fick Forest, Jean Henderson Twin Oaks Park, Don Willis Park, Ward Park, Old Hall Park,	Various projects along roadways: South Dr, W. Pine/Norman Dr. intersection, Platt Circle/Live Oak intersection, Acacia Ave.
<b>Location of office</b>	AHF Office	Town Hall
<b>Other areas of responsibility:</b>	Swimming pool Basketball & shuffleboard courts Ownership & maintenance of 50+ acres of parkland*	Public safety Building & tree permits Zoning Roads, swales & stormwater drainage Right of way maintenance Playground Mayors' bridge

\* although the AHF owns the parkland, all residents may access the Village parks and paths.



## Mail-In Ballot Requests Expired!

Did you know that the state of Florida deleted all previous requests to receive a mail-in ballot on December 31, 2022? So if you usually vote by mail you must now re-register your request to receive a mail-in ballot. You can do so by going to <https://www.votebrevard.gov/Ballots-by-Mail/Request-A-Mail-Ballot>, or by calling the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Office at **321-633-2127**.

In order to process your request, you will need to provide your full name, date of birth, Brevard County residential address, and your Florida Driver License or State ID Card number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. You may select the elections for which you wish to receive a ballot (either specific elections or all elections through 2024). Don't wait! Request your mail-in ballot now!



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.

### 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

Established to hear appeals of decisions rendered by zoning administrators. Interpret unclear provisions in the zoning ordinance. Decide on variance applications by landowners to permit buildings or land uses which vary from the zoning regulations.

### Code Enforcement Board

Enforces Town codes and ordinances, including, but not limited to, occupational license, fire, building, zoning, litter, environmental,

## Trunk or Treat Returns!

Ghosts and goblins, gather here,  
For Halloween is drawing near!  
Too long to walk, too short to drive,  
And mosquitoes try to eat you alive!  
Bring ghastly golf cart or vampire van,  
Your werewolf crossover (get it?)  
Or witch broom sedan!  
Costumed marauders in the AHF lot,  
From 6:00 to 8, show us what you've got!  
Neighbors and candy, such fun to share  
October the 31<sup>st</sup>. We'll see you there!  
Trunk-or-Treat! A joyful spree!  
Halloween fun for you and me!

by Bridget Foster



animal control, abandoned property, land use, sign codes and ordinances. Meets as needed.

### 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.

### Town Review Board

Designed to maintain those features of residential neighborhoods specifically identified by Town residents and the Town Commission as core community value. (Ord. 2012-01) They merged with Planning and Zoning and fulfill those duties as well, including conducting and preparing the comprehensive planning program or portions thereof for the Town. Meets as needed.

**If interested in volunteering, please contact the Town Office.**



# Town of Melbourne Village Calendar

July		August		September	
4	Tues	Independence Day (Office Closed)	14	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities
10	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities	15	Tues	Beautification Cmte
17	Mon	Finance Cmte Mtg	21	Mon	Finance Cmte Mtg
18	Tues	Beautification Cmte	22	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg
22	Sat	WORKSHOP: Law Enforcement	TBD		Budget workshop(s)
25	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg			Regular Commission Mtg
October		November		December	
9	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities	7	Tues	Election Day
16	Mon	Finance Cmte Mtg	10	Fri	Veteran's Day Holiday (Office Closed)
17	Tues	Beautification Cmte	11	Sat	<b>Veteran's Recognition Event</b>
21	Sat	WORKSHOP: Law Enforcement	13	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities
24	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg	20	Mon	Finance Cmte Mtg
31	Tues	<b>Trunk or Treat</b>	21	Tues	Beautification Cmte
			23/24	Thu/Fri	Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
			28	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg
January 2024		February 2024		March 2024	
1	Mon	New Year's Day (Office closed)	12	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities
8	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities	19	Mon	Presidents' Day (Office Closed)
15	Mon	MLK Day (Office Closed)	20	Tues	Finance Cmte Mtg
16	Tues	Beautification Cmte	20	Tues	Beautification Cmte
16	Tues	Finance Cmte Mtg	27	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg
23	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg			
April 2024		May 2024		June 2024	
8	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities	13	Mon	Space Coast League of Cities
15	Mon	Finance Cmte Mtg	20	Mon	Finance Cmte Mtg
16	Tues	Beautification Cmte	21	Tues	Beautification Cmte
23	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg	27	Mon	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
27	Sat	<b>Ice Cream Social</b>	28	Tues	Regular Commission Mtg
28	Sun	<b>Founders Day Celebration</b>			

**Boards that meet on as-needed basis are not listed:** Code Enforcement Board, Town Review Board, Board of Adjustments

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555 Hammock Road  
Melbourne Village, FL 32904



### Solid Waste Collection Information WastePro 321-837-0055

[wasteprousa.com/town-of-melbourne-village/](http://wasteprousa.com/town-of-melbourne-village/)

**Monday** Recycling and yard trash. Place yard waste in containers or cut to 4-foot lengths. No recycling in plastic bags!

**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, contact Waste Pro.

**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

Letters should be addressed to the Mayor, Vice-Mayor, Commissioner, or Commissioners:

Town of Melbourne Village  
555 Hammock Rd  
Melbourne Village, FL 32904  
M-F 9:30am-3:30pm  
phone: 321-723-8300

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

Contact the Office and Commissioners at  
officeadmin@melbournevillage.org

Written communication (including email) with Town Officials pertaining to Town business is considered public record.

**Regular Town Commission Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Town Office unless noted.**



**SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY**  
**BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Non-Emergency  
(321) 952-6371

Non-Emergency 772 Area  
(772) 663-6269

Community Services  
(321) 264-7755

[www.Brevardsheriff.com](http://www.Brevardsheriff.com)



### The Town Commission

MAYOR	Sue Ditty mayor@melbournevillage.org
VICE MAYOR	Valerie Calenda
COMMISSIONERS	Fred Anderson Bridget Foster Gary Ingram David Jones Norton Muzzone