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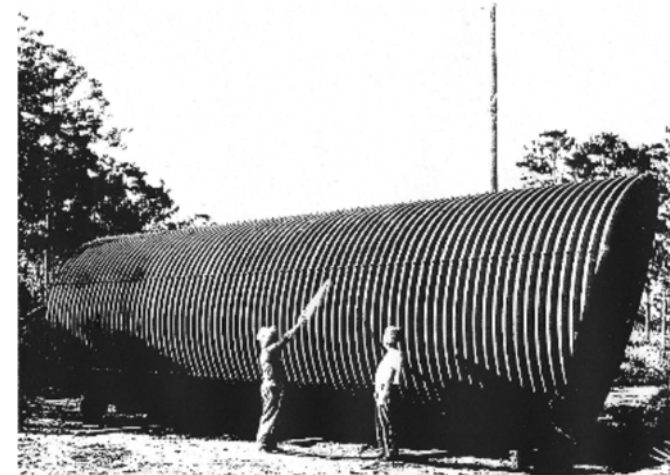
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Town Commission Moves to Replace Dayton Road Culvert!



In 1955 Melbourne Village was still unincorporated Brevard County. The County Commission, and especially our County Commissioner, Joe Wickham, worked with the Villagers to replace the rickety old wooden bridge over the M-1 canal at Dayton Boulevard with a plated pipe culvert (seen left) and paved roadway.

Today this pipe is long past its expected service life, and the walls are cracking and flaking. The roadway above it is sinking in areas and buckling and the concrete headwalls are deteriorating.

With the help of County Commissioner Kristine Isnardi and Assistant Brevard County Manager John Denninghoff, Mayor Heidi Salmon worked out an agreement with the County to perform the work needed to replace the culvert before it has a chance to collapse.

Under the interlocal agreement, approved by the Melbourne Village Commission in June and the Brevard County Commission in July, the county will obtain engineering/design services to plan a concrete box culvert replacement (such as seen in the stock photo below) and the accompanying headwalls and roadway, and will install them, and the Town will cover the costs of the plans and work.

The Town has paid the County approx. \$75,000 for the engineering services. Once the plans have been developed the total cost the project will be determined. The Town has several options for raising the funds for this and the Town Commission will be discussing these during the upcoming budget hearings.

Aside from the Town Office building, this bridge is the biggest infrastructure asset in the town, and a great deal of consideration has gone into replacing it.

Concrete culverts of this type have a very long service life, up to and exceeding 100 years in cases, so no-one alive today is likely see a need to replace this culvert again.



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	

SPECIAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - GRANT WRITERS

Volunteers are needed to pursue funding opportunities and grants for the Town. If there are any residents who have time to volunteer who can help fill out applications and gather information for various funding opportunities on behalf of our Town, please contact Mayor Salmon at TMVMayor@gmail.com. We need volunteers to work with the Mayor and Town Clerk to follow up on various opportunities and investigate possible funding sources for numerous Town programs and projects.

From the Desk of the Mayor...

DAYTON BRIDGE UPDATE

With the approval of the Town Commission, I have signed the Interlocal agreement with Brevard County for our Dayton Bridge / Box Culvert Replacement Project and it was approved this month at the County Commission meeting on July 9. We have submitted a check to pay for the preliminary engineering portion. See my power point of the project on the town website for more information about this project.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The new police car SUV has been outfitted, and is in use and on patrol. Chief Gary Loos has had a strong month as our new Police Chief jumping in on the audit, budget, evidence disposal, and hiring a new officer. We welcome Officer Roger Mason as our newest police officer.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The Town Commission approved our Emergency Response Plan Guide, which was formulated based on FEMA Guidelines by resident Sue Ditty and Commissioner Val Calenda. More info on this at town website. Sue Ditty has been named Emergency Volunteer Coordinator by the town commission.

BUDGET & AUDIT

The commission will be developing and preparing our 2019-2020 annual budget. The annual audit has been completed.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works is going to work on West Pine and Norman Drive next on our Stormwater Drainage Restoration Plan.

Our old debris trailer broke, and the commission approved a stronger replacement trailer. Free dirt is available at the town garage on Hall Rd. for residents. Residents must pick it up themselves.

AHF-TOWN PROJECT

The AHF is donating a small parcel of land to the Town next to the town garage. The Town is paying for the survey and transfer fees, and our town attorney, Morris Richardson, is preparing the deed transfer. On this property the Town plans to build a pole barn to keep our expensive equipment safe from the weather. In exchange for the land, the AHF will reserve the right to utilize a portion of the pole barn to keep the Parks and Paths trailer and equipment. This will help both the town and the AHF protect valuable equipment and extend its use for years to come.

In your service,

Heidi Salmon

Message From The Melbourne Village Police Department

I hope that this information finds everyone that it reaches happy and in good health. This is my first message since becoming the Chief of Police on June 1, after the retirement of long time Chief of Police Jack King.

The past two months have been full of change for me taking over the running of the Police Department. The transition has been relatively smooth with the support of our Mayor Heidi Salmon, Town Clerk Gail Griswold, the residents of our community, and the officers of your police department.

One of the things that the Police Department is concerned with is the safety of our neighbors to be able to bicycle, ride, or walk in safe conditions. A community traffic safety committee was influential for in getting a traffic survey conducted which showed a far larger number of vehicle traveling on our roads than expected. The survey indicated a spike in speed violations occurring between 4:00 pm in the afternoon and 7:00 pm in the evening. To address this issue the police department has changed its core hours to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. This allows the officers to be addressing the speeding issues where they had been changing shifts on the old schedule at 6:00 pm.

Another statistic that I recently completed is the Uniform Crime Report which is a report on specific crimes identified by state and federal government. The completion of the report has the UCR total index crimes for the Town of Melbourne Village being down 25.00% with a clearance rate of reported crimes being up 16.7% for this time last year.

As a reminder, this police department offers residential house checks. While you are away on vacation or business we will check your home at your request. You can find a house check form on line at the following link <https://melbournevillagepolice.org> or coming by the office and pick one up. This will be especially important if you are planning on evacuation should a hurricane be predicted for our community.

Another way to help us is by cooperating with the towns emergency street captains. These are your neighbors who have volunteered to gather important information for our community such as, who is evacuating, who may have medical needs and may be staying and other information for insuring the safety of everyone after and before a hurricane hits.

One of the last things I would like to do is introduce you to our newest Police Officer, who came to us from the Melbourne Police Department. His name is Roger Mason. He has just finished his orientation period on day shift and is replacing Officer Bobby Combs on night shift. I have promoted Officer Bobby Combs to full time sergeant who is now working on day shift taking on some of my old responsibilities.

Chief of Police

Gary Loos

Vial of Life---One Little Jar Can Save a Life

By Gerda P. Murphy

The Vial of Life is a project of Brevard County Fire Rescue, Brevard County TRIAD and the Brevard County Healthcare Coalition.

Our goal is to get a Vial of Life in every home in Melbourne Village!

Here's how it works! A small white plastic container is provided for, not just Seniors, but the entire Family.

The container contains a piece of paper with important information, such as medical history, current medications, contact information for family, friends, Health Care Surrogate, Power of Attorney.

Any information needed for treatment is contained on the information sheet and placed in the container.

Don't forget the name of the physician and health care providers.

And for those with pets, list them and name of veterinarian and caregivers of pets.

The information is completed and placed in the Vial of Life. It is then placed in the door of the refrigerator, a provided sticker is placed on the front door of the refrigerator and the other on the front door of the home. Emergency responders know to look for them.

You can also place a Vial of Life in your vehicle.

Theresa Russell from Department of Children and Families' Adult Protective Services dropped by our Cardinalbucks twice and explained the program to those attended. She can be reached at 321-288-6684 or Mark Weiss at the Brevard Fire Rescue Health Resources Program at 321-633-2056.



TAGGING OF REPLACEMENT TREES

If you have been issued a Tree Removal Permit that requires you to plant a replacement tree(s) on your property, it is your responsibility, within one year from the permit issuance date, to plant the tree(s) and notify the Town Superintendent at 723-8300 to tag the tree(s) for our records.

If you have required replacements that have not been tagged, please let the Town Superintendent know so they can be tagged and recorded and code enforcement action can be avoided.

FREE DIRT!

Public Works has a pile of dirt at the Town Garage which is free to villagers wanting some. This is not nice clean sifted dirt. It has a lot of roots and such in it. If you are looking for topsoil for a garden, this might not be for you. But if you need to fill a hole in your yard or build up a low spot, it might be just what you need.

Until the department gets their new dump trailer, Public Works is unable to deliver the dirt to your yard, but if you want to pick some up just speak to George or Bradley and they can point you in the right direction.

A Team of Street Captains is created

By Sue Ditty

According to the Department of Homeland Security, almost half of Americans expect to rely on their neighbors after a disaster. Neighbor helping neighbor is especially true when a hurricane or severe tropical storm hits our tight knit community. With Hurricane Matthew still fresh in my mind after 2 years, we learned that communication is a key component of our storm prep and response. This year we have a team of volunteers who will be contacting residents throughout the village before and after a Hurricane strikes. We have pretty good coverage throughout the town for a brand new program, but still need Street Captain volunteers for Acacia Ave, Carissa Rd, South Dr, Canal Rd, Ibis Ct, Blue Jay Ln, Towhee Dr, Dayton Blvd, Jeannie Dr, and Savannah Dr. The goal is to have Street Captains available to check on every resident, so if you see your street listed above please consider joining our team of Street Captains. Check out the map online. (<https://melbournevillage.org/storm-center>)

Pre-storm, Street Captains will identify neighbors in their designated area who are leaving or staying, are dependent on electricity for health issues, or need help preparing their home. Post-storm, Street Captains will check on the well-being of neighbors, report blocked driveways or doors, home damage, flooding, and the need emergency power for health equipment, etc. The Street Captains will report to Sue Ditty, who will organize and coordinate the appropriate response. If there is an emergency, call 911 or contact MVPD, not your Street Captain.

Being a Street Captain is much easier than it sounds. Simply collect basic information on a short checklist and pass it on to Sue Ditty. That's it. Street Captains are the eyes and ears of the neighborhood. We want to make sure that no one suffers needlessly or has to worry about preparation or clean up after a damaging storm. If no severe hurricanes, then there is no need for the Street Captain. This would be ideal, but we need to prepare, just in case.

Please take a moment and identify who is likely to be your street captain by referencing the map on the town's hurricane website. You will be able to identify a Street Captain by their neon-green button and clipboard when they are activated during a storm. (<https://melbournevillage.org/storm-center>)

See you around the 'hood. Our village volunteers are your local superheroes. Please thank them whenever you get a chance.

We are looking for more Street Captains! Please contact Sue Ditty via email, text, or phone:

sditty@yahoo.com, 321-626-7554.

Public Safety Note - Be Safe In the Dark and After a Storm

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. This is especially true when power is out and drivers don't have their usual night-time landmarks, and there are no lights behind you making you more visible.

Light up your bike with front (white) and rear (red) lights and remember to follow the rules of the road.

Study the operation and safety guidelines of grills, generators, and other such items BEFORE you need them. They can make an after-storm experience much easier, but precisely because they are not used regularly are likely to be mis-used if you don't prepare.

Do not touch any downed lines after a storm. Report them to FPL or other service providers. If you see signs of power in a downed line, let the police know and they can cordon off the area.

Many storm related injuries and deaths occur from accidents involving ladders or chain saws, or both. Use extra caution to make up for storm weariness. And remember to look up. Branches may be hanging on by a thread.

Survive the storm AND the recovery Safely!



**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

Town Preparation for Hurricane Season

From Town Emergency Volunteer Coordinator Sue Ditty

The town commission approved a Supplemental Emergency Response Plan to provide a clear outline of what needs to be done before and after a significant Hurricane targets our village. Commissioner Valerie Calenda and I developed the plan based on the four FEMA Guidelines of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The Town is actively preparing for storm season and developing better ways to communicate to all residents if/when electricity and internet service is lost due to damage. Let's hope the strong storms steer clear of us so we won't have to activate our corps of Street Captains and many of the steps detailed below. However, we all know it is better to prepare for the worst during hurricane season.

Mitigating damage and preparing for a disaster is an ongoing effort before a storm strikes. Clearing the swales and ditches, updating the website with pertinent information such as sand bag availability, hurricane checklists, and contact information are just some of the activities currently 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.

As the newly anointed Emergency Volunteer Coordinator I am spearheading the resident response and volunteer activities. My goal is to match those who have a need with a resident who can meet that need, such as laundry, ice, manual labor for debris cleanup, and maybe even home-sharing. I am preparing a list of volunteers now, before the storm, to minimize scrambling for solutions under duress. If you are able to help in any way, contact Sue Ditty via email, text, or phone: sditty@yahoo.com, 321-626-7554.

Emergency information, status, and news will be available on the Town website and Next Door Neighbor if the Internet is available. However, if we experience significant power outages, signs will posted on the AHF Bulletin Board and several locations throughout the village announcing when the Town office and AHF Hall are open. Residents should come to the AHF Hall to get the latest news, 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. Additional emergency information and links to Hurricane Preparation Guides and other valuable websites will also be posted to help you prepare or get assistance.

Valuable and Interesting Hurricane Links on the Internet

General Information:

melbournevillage.org/stormcenter

Town website for hurricane info with list and map of street captains

brevardfl.gov/emergencymanagement/home

County Website - Preparedness, Special Needs, Alerts, More!

Before the Storms:

www.wesh.com/article/wesh-hurricane-guide-2019/9956101

WESH hurricane guide

www.weather.gov/wrn/hurricane-preparedness

NWS/NOAA Hurricane Preparedness page

www.ready.gov/hurricane-toolkit

Lots of links, lists and description of the links

www.ready.gov/build-a-kit

Basics of what is needed, maintenance and storage of emergency kit

When a Storm Is Coming:

www.nhc.noaa.gov

National Hurricane Center—tracking and advisories

www.mynews13.com/fl/orlando/weather/hurricane-center

News 13 Interactive Storm Tracker

www.wftv.com/eye-on-the-tropics

WFTV Storm Tracker

www.wesh.com/hurricanes

WESH Storm Center

These sites are for information, but a NOAA Weather Radio remains the most effective way to receive timely and official emergency weather notifications.

After the Storm:

www.fema.gov/individual-assistance-program-and-policy-guide

Good info about federal aid

Check the Melbourne Village and Brevard County sites for updates, Track "BrevardEOC" on Twitter, Keep an eye on Next Door for both Town and County notices.

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.

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.



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.